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Hori: "Who's gonna sprout wings in Volume 5?"
Nozaki: "Sakura's going to become a demon."
Hori: "You for real!? Holy crap!"
Wakamatsu: "Also, Lorelai-san is my angel."
Nozaki: "No one cares about that."

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...HAVEN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS WITH NOZAKI-KUN AT ALL...?

COULD IT BE THAT I...

ONE DAY, I REALIZED SOMETHING.

FOR STARTERS, I DON'T THINK UNREQUITED LOVE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU JUST SUDDENLY NOTICE.

MIKORIN!!

...SO THAT'S THE DEAL. WHAT'S YOUR TAKE!?

BUT DESPITE THAT, I STILL GET REALLY EXCITED WHEN I'M OVER AT NOZAKI-KUN'S!!!

GEEZ!

IT'S THAT I'VE BEEN IN THIS SITUATION FOR SO LONG THAT IT FEELS NATURAL ...!

THAT ISN'T IT!!!

ONLY GETTING EXCITED WHEN YOU'RE ON THE JOHN IS...

I REMEMBER IT WHEN I'M GOING TO THE BATH-ROOM!!!

OH!

THE BATH-ROOM !!!

SEE!? SEEEE!!?

WELL... BUT WHEN I'M AT THE TABLE, I'M ONLY THINKING ABOUT DOING BETA...

BARI

BARI (SERIOUS)

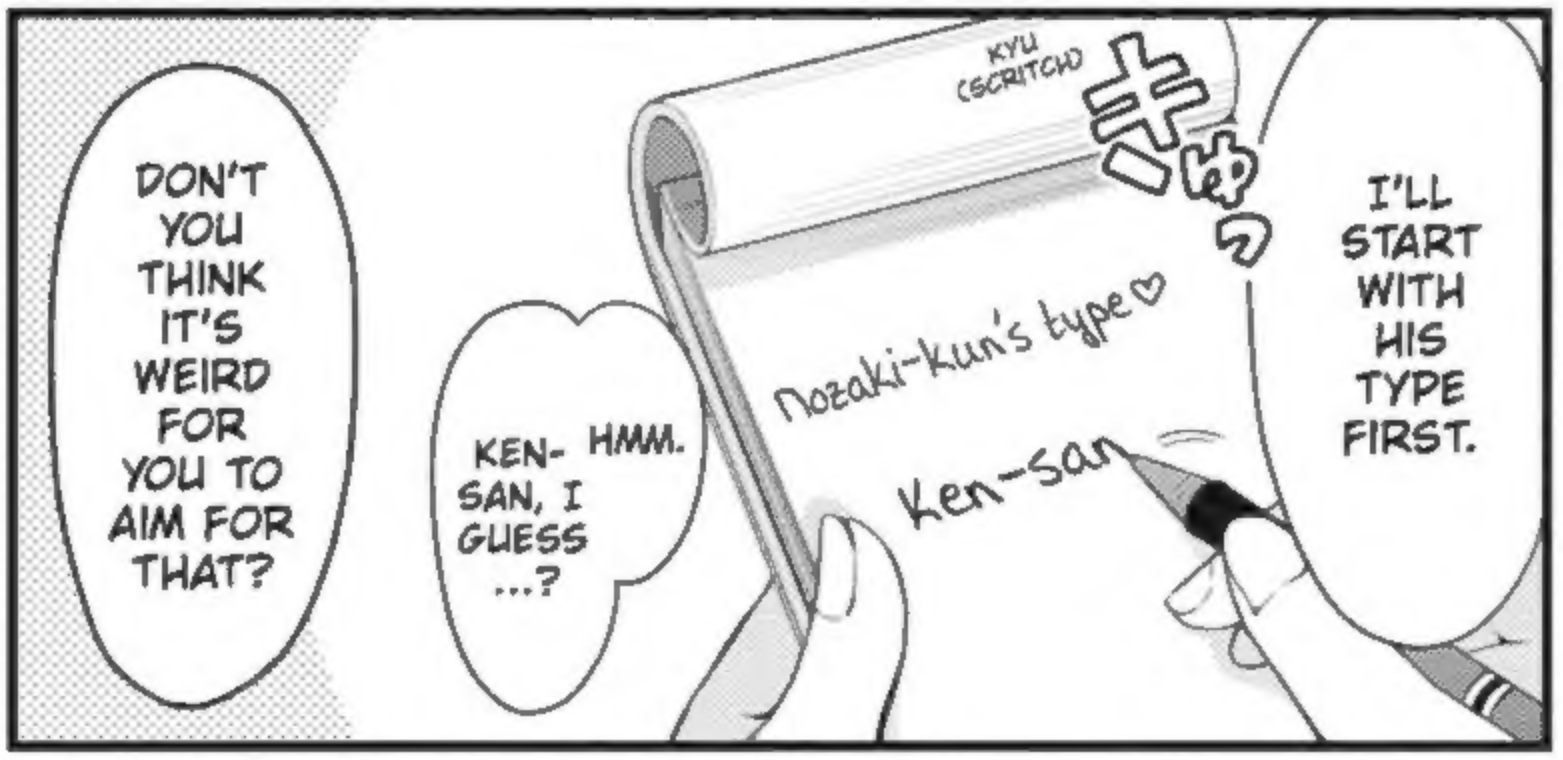
I CAN'T DO THAT!!!
I—
BUN (FLAIL)
BUN
CAN'T YOU JUST TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL AT THIS POINT LIKE A NORMAL PERSON?
HE DOESN'T HATE YOU OR ANYTHING.

BUT NOW I REALIZE ...
THERE IS THAT...
YEAH ...
THAT'S ROUGH.
IF HE TURNS YOU DOWN, IT'LL RUIN WHAT YOU'VE GOT GOING RIGHT NOW...
OH, I GET IT...

YOU LIKE ME ...!?
HUH!?
...THAT IF I SAID THAT TO NOZAKI-KUN...

I DON'T REALLY CARE, BUT THE NOZAKI IN YOUR HEAD IS A MAJOR PAIN IN THE ASS.
.....IS HOW HE'D REPLY, JUST SO HE COULD GET MORE MATERIAL FOR HIS MANGA!!!
WAAAAH!
...REALLY MADE YOUR HEART RACE?
CAN YOU TELL ME WHICH MOMENTS ...
HOW DID IT START?
SO WHAT ABOUT ME EXACTLY?
HUH!?

YOU SURE LIKE TO AIM HIGH, DON'T YOU?
SO I'M NOT GOING TO FLAT-OUT TELL HIM HOW I FEEL, BUT I WANT TO TRY TO SUBTLY APPEAL TO HIM AND SOMEHOW MAKE HIM NOTICE ME!
ALL RIGHT ...


DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD FOR YOU TO AIM FOR THAT?
KEN- SAN, I GUESS ...?
HMM.
KYU (SCRITCH)
Nozaki-kun's type♡
Ken-san
I'LL START WITH HIS TYPE FIRST.

O— OH...
OKAY, RIGHT.
...I HAVE TO BE A DOER LIKE HIM TOO.
SO...
SU (FWISH)
SETTLE DOWN.
KEN-SAN'S CHARM IS THAT HE GETS HIS WORK DONE.

YOU'RE BACK AT SQUARE ONE!!!
GET A GRIP!!!
IN OTHER WORDS, I JUST HAVE TO DILIGENTLY KEEP DOING MY BETA WORK!!!

I TRIED ASKING MY FRIENDS FOR ADVICE TOO.

YOU NEED A STRATEGY, CHIYO!

WHY DON'T YOU TRY CHANGING YOUR ATTITUDE EVERY NOW AND THEN AND PLAY WITH HIM SOME?

THE LITTLE TEASE APPROACH!!

?

...LIKE HOW?

HMM, LET'S SEE... IMAGINE A GIRL WHO'S ALWAYS OPEN AND EARNEST, FOR EXAMPLE.

OPEN...

SENPAAAAI!

WHOOO!

WHAT DO YOU THINK'LL HAPPEN IF THAT GIRL STARTS ACTING ALL STANDOFFISH OUT OF THE BLUE ONE DAY?

TSUUN (SNUB)

.....

OH, SENPAI! NO!!!

WAH!!!

AAH!!!

NO!!!

RUN!!!

I THINK IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW!

YOU GOT DOWN ON YOUR KNEES!!?

WHAT IN THE WORLD'S GOING ON!!?

BIKU

BIKU (JOLT)

AAAAHHH!!!

DOES ANYONE REALLY ACT LIKE THAT?
HUH?
YOU'D BE CURIOUS IF SOMEONE WHO'S USUALLY SUPER-ATTACHED TO YOU SUDDENLY TURNS ALL COLD, WOULDN'T YOU!?
...WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
WH—
WHAT!?
SO THIS LITTLE TEASE THING...

HELLO!!
OH!
IT'S SEO-SEN-PAI!!
UHH, UM!

TSUN (SNUB)
UGH!
I JUST DON'T GET YOU, SENPAI!!!
PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM ME!!!
IT'S JUST ME YOU'RE BUMPING INTO AGAIN!!!
SERI-OUSLY, WHAT IS YOUR PROB-LEM!!?

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE A TOTAL TEASE, AREN'T YOU!!?
WAS THAT ALL CALCU-LATED ...?

HUH? THAT'S RANDOM.
?
WHAT'S A LITTLE TEASE...
...SEN-PAI?

I WONDER IF THAT INCLUDES SAKURA.
HM?
SEO'S GROUP? THAT MEANS...
IS IT A NEW TREND ...?
IT SEEMS TO BE SOME-THING THAT SEO-SENPAI'S GROUP IS INTO...

THAT'S THE IMAGE OF SAKURA THAT WAKAMATSU HAS IN HIS HEAD...!?
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT!!!
HUH !?
OHH!
THAT'S TOTALLY PERFECT FOR SAKURA-SENPAI!
THE LITTLE TEASE!!

WAKA-MATSU... THE LITTLE TEASE THING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SIZE...
SHE'S PRETTY LITTLE, AFTER ALL!

...I WANTED TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LITTLE TEASE...
WELL...
GIRLY
WHAT'RE YOU READING THERE...
...CHIYO?

HMM...
...YOU JUST HAVE TO TOUCH A GUY AND GET CHASED...?
SO BASICALLY...
愛され♥小悪魔
The Beloved♥Little Tease
♡Casual Touching♥
♡Assertive appeal!
♡When he's up for it, slip away!☆
YOU CAN DO IT!!
Men are creatures that live for the chase!♥

ARRRGH!
RARRGH!
BEING CHASED
.....
DOSU (THWACK)
TOUCHING
.....

I HAD NO IDEA!!!
SO I'M A LITTLE TEASE TOO!!!?
WHAT THE HELL!!!?

WHAT'S THAT GIRL UP-TO NOW...?
I WONDER IF IT'LL GO NATIONAL.
...IT LOOKS LIKE BEING A LITTLE TEASE IS ALL THE RAGE IN SAKURA'S GROUP LATELY.
...AND SO...

PINPOOON (DING-DONG)
GUESS I'LL HELP OUT IF SHE COMES UP WITH SOME-THING...
WHATEVER. SHE'S PROBABLY THINKING UP A PLAN TO GRAB NOZAKI'S ATTEN-TION.

'SUP!
.....'S—

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LITTLE TEASE!!!?

EVEN I CAN IMITATE YUZUKI ...!!!

GU (CLENCH)

I NEVER IMAGINED I'D HAVE AN EXAMPLE SO CLOSE TO ME...

おろ ORO

IS THIS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO TOY WITH A GUY!?

WOWWW!

おろ ORO

おろ ORO (PANIC)

IN ANY CASE, THEY'RE BOTH REALLY FLUS-TERED!

... MIKO-RIN?

HUH ...?

CAN'T YOU TELL...

I CAN'T EVEN BACK YOU UP HERE.

H-HEY, SAKURA, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT THE HELL IS SHE SAYING WITH THOSE HUGE RIBBONS ON HER HEAD?

HEH ...!

THIS IS THE STRATEGY OF AN ADULT WOMAN...

S-SA-KURA...

DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD TUCK YOUR SHIRT IN...?

TUCK IT IN!

TUCK IT IN!

PUT YOUR SKIRT BACK TO ITS NORMAL LENGTH...

YOU SHOULD CLOSE YOUR LEGS WHEN YOU SIT DOWN.

WOW...

THE VERY SAME NOZAKI-KUN...

...IS TOTALLY AWARE OF ME...!!!

SO THIS IS THE APPEAL OF A LITTLE TEASE...!!!

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT...

...ALL I'M SEEING IS A FATHER AND HIS REBELLIOUS DAUGHTER.

...WAIT, NO. I GOTTA DO SOME-THING!!!
NOZAKI'S GETTING WORRIED !!!
WOW!!!
WHAT WILL I DO IF SAKURA DOESN'T TURN BACK TO NORMAL ...?

HUH?
BA (WHAP)
SAKU-RA!!!
HERE !!!

WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT!
ARRRGH!
BETA?
UGH, WHAT THE HECK?

BARI
BARI (SERIOUS)
BARI

BIKU (FLINCH)
WH—
WHAT ...?
OH!
NO-ZAKI-KUN!
MMMM!
ALL DONE!!

THE TIP REALLY DOES MOVE DIF-FERENT WHEN IT'S NEW!
I TRIED USING ANOTHER KIND OF BRUSH!
TA-DAAAA!
LOOK! LOOK AT THIS!! I DIDN'T GO OUTSIDE THE LINES AT ALL THIS TIME!!

WASHA
WASHA
WASHA (RUFFLE)
WASHA

DON'T JERK NOZAKI AROUND TOO MUCH, OKAY...?
HE WAS TOTALLY RELIEVED— JUST THEN.
HE PRAISED ME!!
THAT MEANS I JUST HAVE TO PERFECT MY BETA SKILLS!!!

"WAIT"

I SEE! TEASING ...!!

HOW IS THIS GOING TO GO? ♡

LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS YOUR ACTUAL TEASING TECH-NIQUE!

!!

OH.

SAKURA, CAN I COME SIT IN ON THE ART CLUB AGAIN?

HFF!
HFF!
HFF!

THE MORE YOU'RE TOLD TO WAIT, THE TASTIER THE FOOD GETS!!!

HMMM!? OH, I DON'T KNOW!

C'MON! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PUT HIM OFF!!!

THIS IS IT !!!

THAT DUMB LITTLE DOG!!!

You know, we're doing oil painting right now, and the canvas is...

WAAAAAH!!

When are you coming!? Tomor-row? The day after?

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DO AS I SAY!
...BUT HE'S EXACTLY THE SAME AS THIS GUY FROM ANOTHER SERIES...
HUH.
SO THAT REALLY HAPPENS?
ARE YOU GOING TO DISOBEY ME...?
WELL...
I DREW THIS COOL LIGHT-HAIRED FOUR-EYES IN A LAB COAT...

MORN-ING.

...WANTS THAT TOO ...?

MAYBE KASHIMA ...

BUT A TOMBOY WHO REALLY WANTS TO BE A PROPER GIRL... HMMM...

MY THROAT IS ALL MESSED UP FROM MY COLD...

NAH ...

IS EVEN YOUR VOICE CHANG-ING NOW !!?

WHOA!

WHAT'S WITH YOUR VOICE !!?

IT'S SO DEEP!!!

AND NOW EVEN THAT'S GONE...

THE ONLY THING THAT CLUES PEOPLE INTO MY BEING A GIRL RIGHT AWAY IS HOW HIGH MY VOICE IS...

BUT, WELL... TO BE HONEST, I'M TALL, AND MY CHEST IS FLAT.

THAT'S THE LAST THING SHE WANTS !!!

KYAAAAA! KASHIMA-KUUUN!!

NOT A SINGLE FLAW!!!

...SO I'M WEARING PANTS TO CELEBRATE THE OCCA-SION!!

I WAS THINKING IF YOU WERE THE SAME, I'D FEEL BAD.

TOMBOYS ACTUALLY WANT TO BE GIRLIE... ...THEY SAY.

HMM. SHOUJO MANGA, HUH?

.....

...THAT THINGS LIKE THAT DON'T SUIT ME.

BUT I KNOW...

I LOVE LACE.

I LOVE SEWING.

NAH. I DON'T REALLY ...

...DRESS UP IN CUTE CLOTHES.

THE TRUTH IS, I WANT TO BE STYLISH AND...

HAS SHE FELT THE SAME WAY BEFORE ...!?

SH- SHE'S CRYING ...!!?

!!?

BIKU (JUMP)

JIWA (TEARY)

FIRST OFF, LET'S GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE!

YOU'VE GOT A FEVER.

WHAT SHOULD I DO ...!?

I LOVE DOLLS.

I LOVE SWEETS.

HIC!

HIC!

I KEEP SEEING THIS GIRL AS HORI-SENPAI!

WHAT DO I DO ...!?

ROLE REVERSAL

FOR REAL!?
IT'S RARE TO SEE YOU NOT RUNNING AT FULL STEAM.
SHONBORI (GLUM)
しょんぼり…
I HAVE A SORE THROAT, SO THEY TOLD ME NOT TO TALK.
保健室

DOOR: NURSE'S OFFICE

BURU (TREMBLE)
BURU
...MY LITTLE PRIN-CESS ...!
I JUST HOPE YOU DON'T TURN TO BUBBLES ...
THE LITTLE MERMAID LOST HER VOICE SO SHE COULD MEET HER PRINCE ...
DON'T CRY.
...SO MAYBE I LOST MY VOICE SO I COULD MEET YOU.

OKAY, GOT IT!

SO, KASHI-MA...

DON'T LOOK AT ME.

YEAH ...

PRETEND I'M NOT EVEN HERE.

WOOOW!

SO YOU'RE DOING THE TALKING FOR KASHIMA...

...HOT GUY?

WHAT SORT OF CONVER-SATION ARE YOU STARTING UP, YOU JERK!!?

I'D JUST BOUGHT THEM, SO I ALREADY FORGOT.

...THE UNDIES I LEFT AT YOUR PLACE THE OTHER DAY...

...WHAT DID THEY LOOK LIKE AGAIN?

AND YOU! DON'T WRITE DOWN THE ANSWER JUST LIKE THAT!!!

A BLACK LACE FRONT-HOOK BRA AND PURPLE LEOPARD PRINT PANTIES

BA (WHIP)

HE'S STILL TRYING TO DO IT...!!!

A—!

A BLACK LACE FR-FRONT-HOOK —!

WHAT SHE WANTS TO TELL SENPAI

OH!

HORI-SENPAI!!!

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING TOGETH-ER?

YOU GONNA DO SOME SKETCHING?

HEY!!!

DON'T WRITE ANYTHING THAT'S GONNA PISS HIM OFF!!!

I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO SAY IT!!

SA (FW SH)

HUH. I GUESS EVEN SHE PUTS SOME THOUGHT INTO WHAT SHE SAYS TO A SENPAI...

OH..... BUT SHE'S TAKING AN UNUSUALLY LONG TIME ON IT.

.....

WAY LONG !!!

HELLO, SENPAI!! YOU KNOW, YESTERDAY...I WAS JUST THINKING THAT WE SHOULD FINALLY GET AROUND TO PUTTING AWAY THE ANIMAL COSTUMES, SO I WAS SORTING THROUGH THEM IN THE CLUBROOM, AND SAKAI-SENPAI SAID, "MAKE SURE YOU KEEP THE PIG OUT." BUT ARE THERE REALLY THAT MANY PLAYS THAT USE A PIG? EVEN IF WE DID *THE THREE LITTLE PIGS*, WE ONLY HAD THE ONE COSTUME. WOULD WE BUY TWO MORE? OR JUST HAVE ONE PERSON WORK HARD AT PLAYING THREE PARTS? SANDA SAID, "HE REALLY LIKES MAKING GIRLS WEAR THAT ONE," BUT IT'S SKIN-COLORED SO

I WONDERED WHAT YOU WERE UP TO.

SO THAT'S IT...

WANT ME TO SWITCH WITH YOU? IF YOU DON'T MIND, OF COURSE.

REALLY!?

HAAAAH...

I BET EVEN KASHIMA WOULDN'T MAKE SENPAI SAY ALL THOSE WEIRD THINGS.

GOOD ...

AND I'M SURE SENPAI'LL GO A LITTLE EASIER ON A SICK PERSON.

"KASHIMA, YOU'RE SO CUTE!"

"BUT THEN AGAIN, I'M LITTLE AND CUTE MYSELF!!"

BA (WHAP)

BASHI (SMACK)

PACKAGE: CANDY

WELL ... ...HE SAID IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY FUN.
...I CAN'T BELIEVE SENPAI IS ACTUALLY GOING ALONG WITH THIS GAME.
STILL ...
WAY TO GO, ACTORS!!
WAAH!
HORI-SENPAI'S VOICE MATCHES KASHIMA-KUN'S MOVEMENTS PERFECTLY!

READ THIS!

WANT ME TO DO IT?

REALLY !?

I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE READ FOR ME TOO...

STILL, I'M JEAL-OUS...

I WANT TO TRY IT TOO.

THEY AREN'T YOUR OWN LINES !?

OKAY! HERE YOU GO!!

Suzuki: "Sorry...I was wrong."
Mamiko: "No...I'm sorry."
Suzuki: "This isn't going to work. I made you sad again."

BA (WHAP)

I MADE YOU SAD AGAIN ...

THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK ...

I'M SORRY ...

NO ...

UMM...

SORRY... I WAS WRONG ...

I'M PRETTY SURE THIS ISN'T TALKING FOR YOU ANYMORE OR ANYTHING, BUT OH WELL...

MAMIKO

SUZUKI

YOU DEFINITELY HAVE THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT THIS!!!

Everyone bursts into laughter here!!

BI (FWIP)

...I'M A LITTLE SAD NOT GETTING TO HEAR YOUR VOICE, SO GET WELL SOON, OKAY?
...BUT...
THAT WAS FUN!
AHHH!
SATISFIED
IT'S WORTH CATCHING A COLD EVERY NOW AND THEN!

JUST HURRY UP AND GET BETTER.
.....
HMM...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, SENPAI? ARE YOU SAD TOO?

SENPAI, DID YOU SAY THIS?

"KASHIMA, YOU'RE SO CUTE!"

NO WAY.

HOW MANY BOOKS ARE THERE?

BUT, MAN...

...SHE WROTE A LOT.

AHHH.

...HEY, KASHIMA.

I'LL WRITE SOMETHING YOU CAN'T NORMALLY SAY!

BUT... SHE IS TECHNICALLY A GIRL. MAYBE SHE ACTUALLY DID WANT ME TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT ...?

SENPAI...

HERE.

.....!

ER... FOR THE LAST ONE ... ...I'LL READ ANYTHING, NO MATTER WHAT...

SO THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE, HUH?

I CAN'T READ THAT!

革秋 革遷

*=THE WORD KASHIMA WRITES HERE IS BURANKO, OR "SWING," AS IN THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. IN JAPANESE, THIS WORD IS RARELY WRITTEN IN KANJI, HENCE HORI'S RETORT.

DROP THE ARCHETYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

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...AND WHAT WE GET IS...!
Dark hair · Light hair
Refreshing · Brusque
Blazer · Gakuran
Troublemaker · Honor student
Safe · Dangerous
Cool
...GO WITH THE UNTRENDY OPTION FOR EACH OF THESE...
I'LL ...
DAMMIT!
IF THIS IS HOW IT'S GONNA BE...
...I'D RATHER JUST USE WHAT-EVER'S UNPOPU-LAR!!!

*THE FIRST TWO STROKES OF THE KANJI FOR "UP" LOOK LIKE THE KATAKANA TO. SO NOZAKI'S JUST GUESSING WILDLY.

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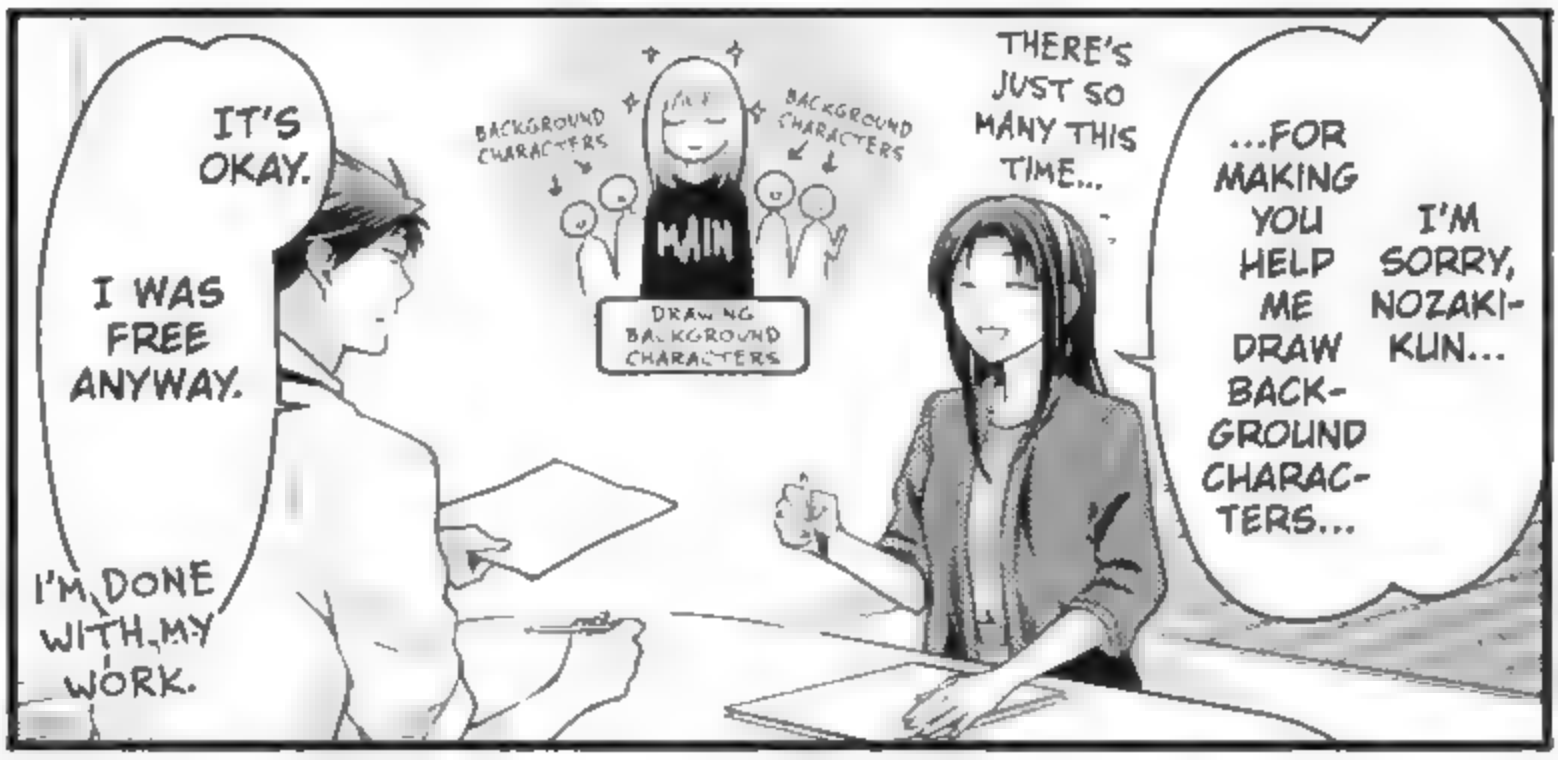
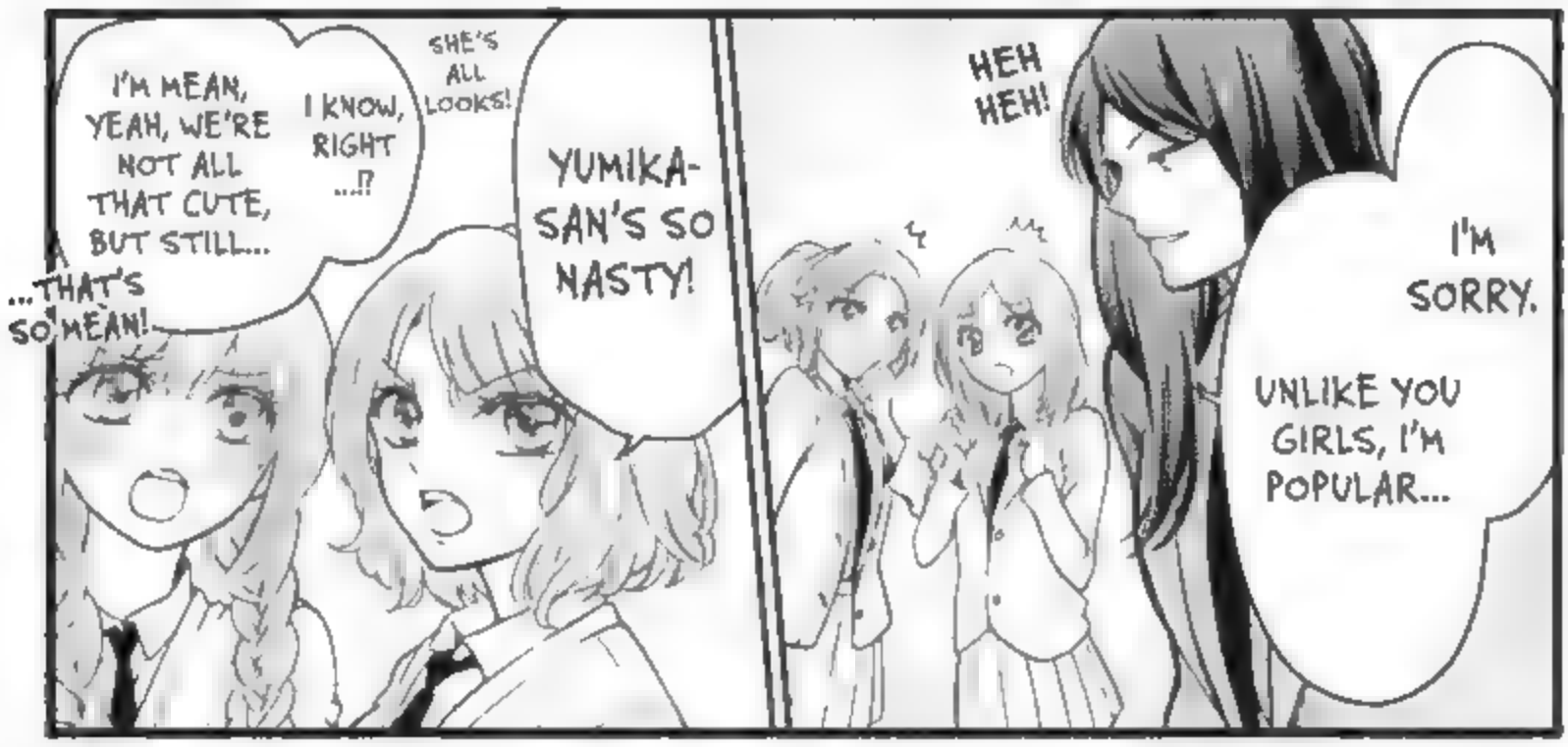

IT'S OKAY.
I WAS FREE ANYWAY.
I'M DONE WITH MY WORK.
BACKGROUND CHARACTERS
MAIN
BACKGROUND CHARACTERS
DRAWING BACKGROUND CHARACTERS
THERE'S JUST SO MANY THIS TIME...
...FOR MAKING YOU HELP ME DRAW BACK-GROUND CHARAC-TERS...
I'M SORRY, NOZAKI-KUN...

...THE BACK-GROUND CHAR-ACTERS DRAWN BY A PRO SURE ARE GOR-GEOUS...
GOSH, I HAVE TO SAY ...
OHHH!
THANK YOU!


I'M MEAN, YEAH, WE'RE NOT ALL THAT CUTE, BUT STILL...
...THAT'S SO MEAN!
I KNOW, RIGHT ...!?
SHE'S ALL LOOKS!
YUMIKA-SAN'S SO NASTY!
HEH HEH!
I'M SORRY.
UNLIKE YOU GIRLS, I'M POPULAR...

THE BACK-GROUND CHARAC-TERS LOOK MORE LIKE THE HEROINES ...!!!
L-LET'S GO!
KOSO
KOSO (SNEAK)
KYA!
SHE'S SO PRETTY ...!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN RIVAL HER BEAUTY...
MAKE WAY!

REALLY!!!?
THEN TRY DRAWING THIS ONE!!!
I'M GONNA BORROW SOME OF YOUR MANGA.
I'M THINKING OF TRYING TO BRANCH OUT A LITTLE WITH MY ART STYLE.
...SO THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.

...HMM...

TOO BAD...
A KNOCK-OFF!?
IT KINDA LOOKS LIKE A KNOCK-OFF.
GAAAN (SHOOOCK)

WHAT HAPPENED TO JUST COPYING IT?
THERE!!! MINE IS WAY MORE LIKE THE REAL THING!!!
SEE!? MIIKO!!!
MIIKO
MRRROW!
I TURNED HUMAN!
MAS-TER...
...IT'S ME, YOUR PET CAT MIIKO!

REALLY!?

BA (WHIP)

COPYING, HUH...? I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD AT COPYING.

THEN... ...CAN YOU TAKE THE SAME TWO PEOPLE FROM HERE...

...AND DRAW THEM HERE?

GOT IT!!

I'LL GET SAKURA TO DRAW MY BACK-GROUND CHAR-ACTERS FROM NOW ON...

...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE GREAT TALENT RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE...

FINISHED IMAGE

HEH HEH HEH...

SHAKA しゃか

SHAKA (FWISH) しゃか

SHAKA しゃか

THEY SURE LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN BACK THERE.

ALL DONE!

MUSCU-LATURE ...

I CAN'T GIVE THEM MOVE-MENT.

I'M NOT VERY GOOD WITH MUSCULA-TURE AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE HUMAN BODY...

YEAH...

YOU JUST COPIED IT EXACTLY!

YOU'RE IN THE ART CLUB, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PRACTICAL ART SKILLS, DO YOU ...?

WHAAAT?

CAN MR. I-CAN'T-BE-BOTHERED EVEN DRAW?

LITTLE BROTHER MAYU

ON THE JUDO TEAM (CAPTAIN)

HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT IT.

YOU KNOW, MAYU LEARNED THAT SORT OF STUFF.

THE STICK FIGURE

IF HE DID DRAW SOMETHING, I BET IT'D BE LIKE THIS.

HAVE A LITTLE MORE FAITH IN YOUR KID BROTHER, BIG BRO.

HE WOULDN'T EVEN MAKE IT TO THE LEGS!!!

...MOST LIKELY GET BORED RIGHT AROUND HERE!!

HE'D ...

NO!!!

HE DOESN'T FALL ASLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS GROUND WORK?

ZZZ...

KNOWING HIM, CAN HE EVEN MAKE IT TO THE END OF THE DAY?

AND HE'S THE CAPTAIN TOO, HUH!?

STILL, I CAN'T BELIEVE MAYU-KUN IS ON THE JUDO TEAM.

GYM CLASS

DON'T TAKE SHORT-CUTS!!!

NOZAKI! WAKE UP !!!!

IN CLASS

NO-ZAKI! DON'T COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR PAJA-MAS!!!

MORN-ING

AFTER SCHOOL

KIRI (GLINT)

G1: ONZAKI FIRST JUNIOR HIGH

WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN GOING TO CLASS!!!

UNLIKE YOU!!!

BRIMMING WITH VIGOR

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL DAY?

YOU GUYS ARE PA-THETIC.

ALARMING EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

LIKE MAKE HIM DO OTHER STUFF TO TIRE HIM OUT... YOU MEAN?

WE THOUGHT OF DOING THAT ONCE BEFORE TOO.

HE'S ALREADY SUPER-STRONG...

...WE CAN WORK OFF A LITTLE OF THE CAPTAIN'S ENERGY ...?

ISN'T THERE SOME WAY...

LAZI-NESS

SLEEP

JUDO

1ST

SERI-OUSLY !?

HE CAN DO IT IF HE TRIES!

...AND HE GOT REALLY SERIOUS, LIKE HE WAS A COM-PLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON ...

...YOU'LL HAVE TO SKIP PRACTICE TO STUDY.

IF YOU DO BAD ON YOUR NEXT TEST..

IF YOU DON'T GET A GOOD TIME, YOU'LL HAVE TO SKIP PRACTICE.

WE EXPERI-MENTED WITH USING JUDO AS AN INCEN-TIVE...

DON'T TELL ME THERE WAS A SIDE EFFECT...!!?

DID SOME-THING BAD HAPPEN !?

HUH !?

...'COS OF IT, NOZAKI ...

SEE ...

BUT WE ENDED THE EXPERI-MENT RIGHT THERE.

DASH!!!

... STARTED TO GET KIND OF POPULAR ...!!!

WELL, IT'S REALLY COOL WHEN YOU PULL OFF A THROW!

THEY'RE JUST NOT ALL THAT STRONG.

IT'S ALL THROWS.

GRRARRGH!

BATAAAN (THUD)

ANYWAY, NO ONE REALLY LIKES PRACTICING THEIR GROUND WORK, DO THEY?

...IF NII-SAN DRAWS THAT...

SOME COOL PICTURES OF HOLDS OR SOMETHING.

I KNOW!!! NOZAKI-SENPAI'S A MANGA-KA, ISN'T HE?

HOW ABOUT HE DRAWS SOME-THING TO EXPLAIN GROUND WORK?

THAT WOULD BE REALLY HARD TO WORK WITH.

IF I'M PRESSED UP AGAINST HIM LIKE THIS, MY HEART'LL START RACING...!!!

KAAA (BLUSH)

OH NO ...!!! WHAT DO I DO...?

...THEY'LL PROBABLY TURN OUT LIKE THIS. YOU GOOD WITH THAT?

THE JUDO'S JUST AN AFTER-THOUGHT NOW!

DOKIN (BADUM)

I'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN A LOVE HOLD... AND I CAN'T MOVE...

HA HA HA! I GIVE UP...

AND THEN IT'D END UP LIKE THIS.

WHERE HE CAN'T SEE

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BOOK: MOE♡HOT♡MOE- / NOTHIN' BUT BOOBS!!!

BOOK: PINK♡CARNIVAL

THEY AIMED TO BE A CHAMPION SCHOOL, FEARED BY ALL THE OTHER SCHOOLS ...

WITH AT LEAST C-CUPS!!

I WANNA SEE A GIRL WITH SHORT HAIR AFTER THIS!!

PLEASE TEACH US THE SHOULDER HOLD NEXT, CAP!!

AFTER THAT, THE TEAM THREW THEM-SELVES INTO THEIR PRACTICE.

ZA (STEP)

AND THEN, THE DAY OF THE TOUR-NAMENT ARRIVED.

ZAWA (CLAMOR)

WHOA!

IT'S FIRST JUNIOR HIGH !!!

DID YOU HEAR !?

THEY ONLY EVER DO GROUND WORK, MAN!!!

FOR REAL !!!?

SHH! DON'T MEET THEIR EYES!

SUPER-SCARY!!!

THEY'LL COME AFTER YOU!!

GI: SHINOZAKI SECOND JUNIOR HIGH

KYAAA! EEEEK! OH NOOO!

NICE!

THE OTHER SCHOOLS ARE AFRAID OF US.

.....

SOME-THING'S OFF.

HMM!?
OH WELL. CAN'T HELP IT.
HMM, IN THE END, I GUESS ART STYLE ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN CHANGE THAT EASILY.

IT REALLY IS AMAZ-ING, BUT...
THIS IS ...!!!
AND SHE'S REALLY GOOD TOO!!!
HEY!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!!! THIS GIRL IS AMAZING !!!
HER ART STYLE KEEPS CHANGING!!!

WHY IS IT ALL JUDO MOVES ...!?
まゆまゆのブログ
MAYU-MAYU'S BLOG
Today at School
Sensei got mad at me~! (>_<) He erased my picture on the white board... I'll have to be more careful next time!
You're kidding!
I tried switching up how I draw! Tee-hee-hee! Ponytails really are nice, aren't they?

A BLOG.
HNN.
WHAT'S THAT YOU'VE STARTED DOING LATELY?

ARE YOU READING THAT BLOG AGAIN?

YEAH ...

WHEN I LOOK AT THESE PICTURES, I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT THINK.

IF YOU TOOK ALL MY FAVORITE MANGA AND COM-BINED THEM ALL TOGETH-ER...

...IT MIGHT LOOK SOME-THING LIKE THIS...

IT'S ALMOST LIKE SHE'S BEEN PEEKING INTO MY BOOK-SHELVES. IT'S KINDA FREAKY...

ANYWAY, I SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE HER A COMMENT.

KACHI (CLICK)

Your art is super-cute! I'm a huge fan!!

IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S EXACTLY THE ART STYLE YOU LIKE.

MIKOSHIBA'S

MIKOSHIBA'S

MIKOSHIBA'S

HE'S NOT WRONG.

[ISSUE 44]

UMM...
A PLOT ABOUT TAKING THE TRAIN TO SCHOOL ...?
LET'S SEE.
TRAIN COMMUTE LOVE♥EVENT
HUH? THIS IS NOZAKI'S.
CRAP! I TOOK IT WITH ME.

I HAVE SO MUCH I WANNA SAY ABOUT THIS, BUT IS IT REALLY OKAY TO HAVE A CLIMAX LIKE THAT!!?
...MY HEART STARTS POUNDING ...!!
THE CLIMAX
WHEN I'M THIS CLOSE...
OFFERING IT TO EACH OTHER
TUGGING ON THE HEARTSTRINGS
OH, NO, IT'S ALL YOURS!
PLEASE GO AHEAD.
ONE OPEN SEAT
KYA! MY CORD...!!
SPACE
~GETTING CLOSER~

YEAH, YEAH.
THIS WAY, THERE'S TWO ACTUAL SEATS THERE.
OH...!
THERE ARE TWO SEATS OPEN AT THE TIME.
PHEW...
OH... REALLY? THERE'S A PLAN B?
PLAN B
PIRA (FLIP)
U17

NO, SIT LIKE A NORMAL PERSON !!!
...STARTS POUNDING ...!!
MY HEART ...

THIS LEADS TO...

KUN (TUG)

HM?

THOSE THINGS JUST DON'T HAPPEN.

GATAN (KATUNK)

GOTON (KADUNK)

DOES HE HAVE SOME SORTA FANTASY ABOUT TAKING THE TRAIN TO SCHOOL?

GOTON

GATAN

HM?

WAKA-MATSU ...?

MIKO-SHIBA-SENPAI?

HUH?

OH!

SORRY.

UMM... OH!! THEN, WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN, SENPAI, AND I'LL...

I'M GOOD. NAH.

OH!!! LOOK, A SEAT'S FREE!!

PLEASE GO AHEAD!!

GOSH, SORRY!!! OUR CORDS GOT TANGLED ...

NO WAY.

I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU TO HOLD MY BAG.

ARE YOU GONNA SIT ON MY LAP ...?

YEAH!!
I FIGURED IT MIGHT HELP ME RELAX...
HMM?
YOU LISTEN TO CLASSICAL STUFF?

WHAT'S WITH THIS...? IT'S KINDA LIKE A CONTROL-LER...
.....

HUH?
PI (BEEP)
OH! THAT'S ...!
Lorelai-san
LORELAI?
...WHOA, WHAT THE HELL AM I THINK-ING!?
WHAT SORT OF SONG IS THIS ONE?

HUH...

IS SHE SOME SORT OF FAMOUS SINGER?

THIS "LORELAI-SAN"?

I GET REALLY SLEEPY WHEN I HEAR THAT SONG. SORRY ...

...

OH ...

YOU'RE NOT?

SHE HAS A REALLY PRETTY SINGING VOICE. SHE'S FAMOUS!

I'M NOT REALLY INTO THAT STUFF...

YOU DON'T KNOW? IT'S "LORELAI OF THE GLEE CLUB"!

I GUESS HE'S LIKE, "I'M NOT INTERESTED IN SILLY RUMORS!"...

SO COOL!!!

BUT STILL, THAT'S UNEXPECTED. I THOUGHT SENPAI WOULD KNOW A LOT ABOUT THAT SORT OF STUFF ...

SO THE "LORELAI OF THE GLEE CLUB"...

...ISN'T A GHOST STORY?

HE JUST DIDN'T ASK ABOUT IT 'COS HE WAS SCARED.

ACK!

WELL ...

HUH !?

WHY IS THAT?

COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE REALLY COOL, SENPAI, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, DO YOU?

ONII-CHAN!♡

HIKOTO-KUUN!♡

SO COOL ...!!!

HEH...

WHOOOA!!

IN MY CASE, IT'S 'COS I LIVE IN A DIFFERENT DIMENSION ...

SERIOUSLY!?

HUH !?

YEAH ... I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD GIVE ME SOME ADVICE...

UM... THE TRUTH IS, I'M IN LOVE WITH LORELAI-SAN...

WOW...!!! HE'S ON SUCH A HIGH LEVEL THAT I DON'T GET A WORD HE'S SAYING ...!!!

HER EVENTS WON'T HAPPEN UNTIL YOUR SECOND TIME THROUGH, OR MAYBE NOT EVEN UNTIL YOU FINISH WITH THE MAIN HEROINE.

YOU HAVE TO PLAY THROUGH MULTIPLE TIMES.

LET'S SEE... GIVEN HER TYPE, SHE MIGHT BE A SECRET CHARACTER, SO WHY NOT TRY PICKING A SPECIALIZED COMMAND FOR HER?

LIKE A MUSIC COMMAND...

OH.
WAKA WAS IN THAT TRAIN CAR JUST NOW.
HE MUST NOT HAVE PRACTICE THIS MORNING.
YU- YOU'LL BUG HIM IF YOU JUST SHOW UP SUDDENLY, SO MAKE SURE YOU LET HIM KNOW YOU'RE COMING.
I KNOW THAT!

Seo-senpai
Yo, Waka. I'm three train cars over from you right now.
ブブブブブブ (BZZZZZZ)

Seo-senpai
Yo, Waka. I'm in the next car over now.
ブブブブブブ

PLEASE STOP!!!
PIKO (BOOP)
PIKO
Yo, Waka. I'm right behind you now.

ACTUALLY, THIS IS KINDA AWKWARD FOR ME NOW...

I FEEL LEFT OUT...

SO THESE TWO KNOW EACH OTHER ...?

GYAAAH!

GYAAAH!

OH! I GOT A GOOD ONE!

LET'S SEE... SOME SORT OF SMALL TALK...

Hey, do you know about the Lorelai of the Glee Club?

SHE TAKES THE TRAIN TOO.

I'LL JUST TEXT SAKURA ...

I KNOW.

That's Yuzuki!

THAT JUST MADE IT EVEN MORE AWKWARD.

WHOA...
WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT IN THIS CONTEXT ...
ACTUALLY IN LOVE WITH HER
ACTUALLY LORELAI
...SO THAT MEANS THIS SITUATION RIGHT NOW IS LIKE THIS...

I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE LISTENING TO, BUT IT'S ONLY LORELAI.
DON'T YOU GET TIRED OF HER?
HEY! GIVE THAT BACK !!!

...I REALLY LOVE HER SONGS!!!
I KEEP TELLING YOU...
KA (FLUSH)
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!!

...JUST SEEMS LIKE A NEW BREED OF TSUNDERE TO ME...
NOW HE...

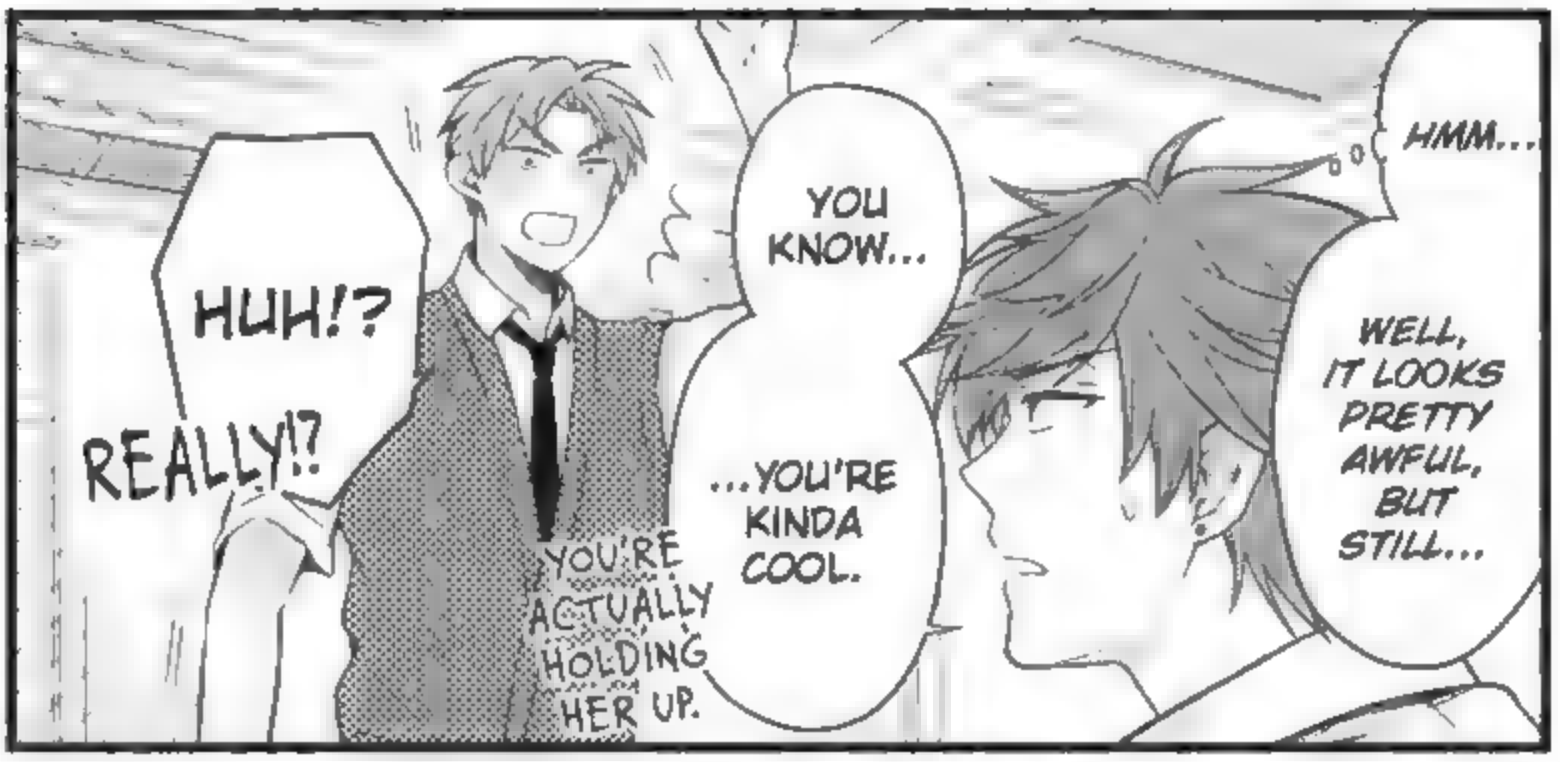
GATAN (KATUNK)
!!
GURA (WOBBLE)

HEY, SHOULD I GIVE HER MY SEAT?
HUH!?
NO.
YOU GO AHEAD AND SIT, SENPAI ...!
HUH!?
... NEED TO THEN GIVE HER YOU SOMETHING ... TO HOLD ONTO.

OKAY, ER... GO AHEAD.
OKAY. THANKS.
AGH! IS THIS GONNA TURN INTO THAT !?
HERE... HOLD ONTO ME.
HUH !?
KYU (TUG)
AND THEN SHE REACHES OUT A HESITANT HAND...

WHERE THE HELL DOES THAT GIRL THINK SHE'S STICKING HER HANDS !!?

MIKO-SHIBA-SEN-PAI...
JI (STARE)
DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK!!!
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT EITHER!!

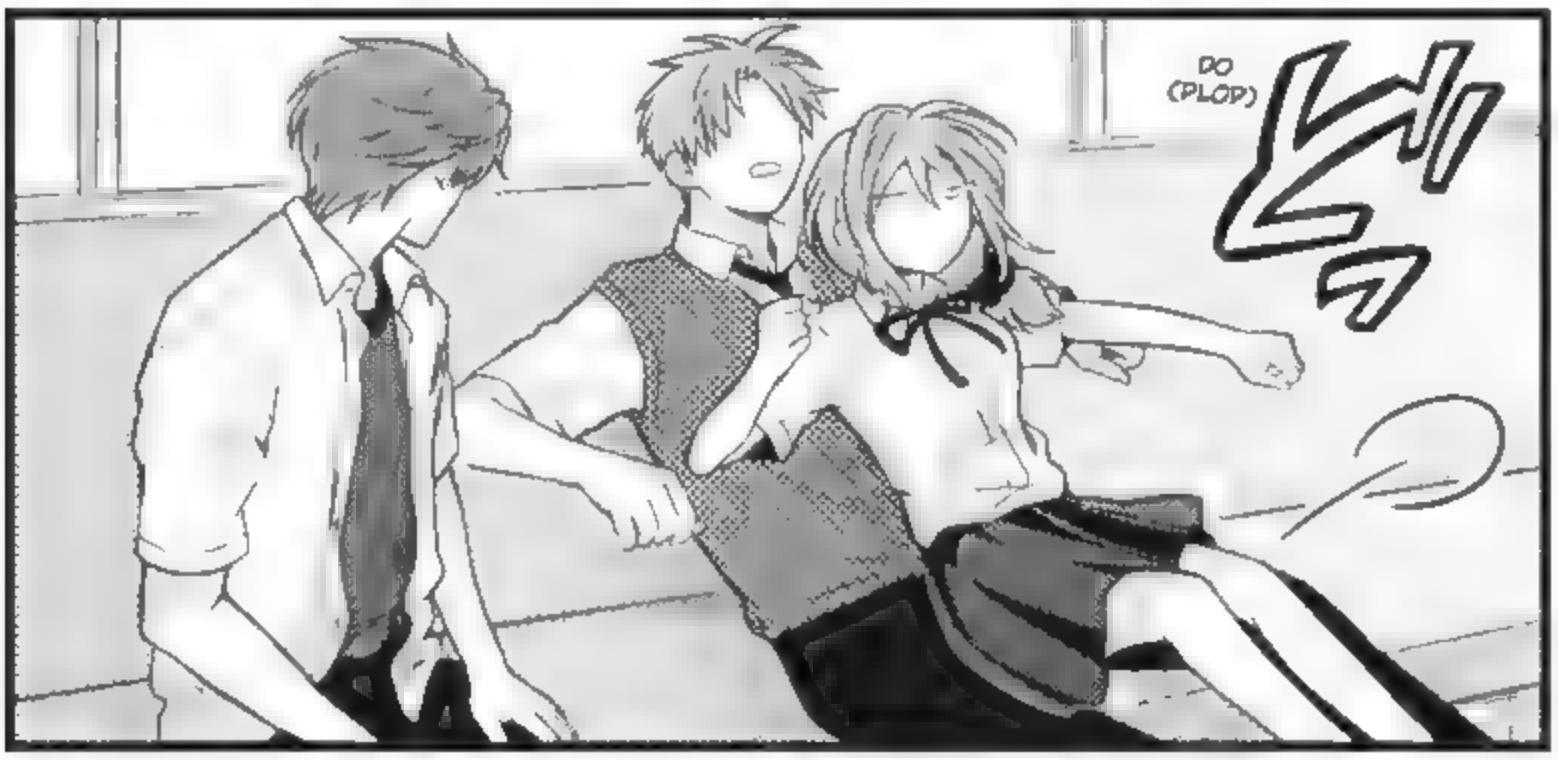

HMM...
WELL, IT LOOKS PRETTY AWFUL, BUT STILL...
YOU KNOW...
...YOU'RE KINDA COOL.
HUH!?
REALLY!?
YOU'RE ACTUALLY HOLDING HER UP.

JUST DEAL WITH IT, OKAY?
I'LL DEAL WITH IT!!!
OKAY!
EVEN IF THE CAR SWAYS ...
...I'LL DO MY BEST NOT TO MOVE!!

MY UNDERWEAR MIGHT GET PULLED ALL THE WAY DOWN, BUT I'LL JUST DEAL WITH THAT TOO!
NO, PULL THOSE BACK UP RIGHT AWAY !!!

...DID THESE GET SO TANGLED UP!!?
HOW...
GISU (AWKWARD)
ギス
THESE TWO ARE AWFUL...
BUT, MAN, LOVE JUST DOESN'T HAPPEN ON THE TRAIN, NOZAKI...
GISU
ギス

WHOA!
DON (THUD)
ド
LET'S GRAB IT!
OH, WAKA, A SEAT OPENED UP!
HEY!
DON'T PUSH!


DO (PLOP)
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NONAKI-!!!

A TRAIN STORY?

...BUT I SCRAPPED IT IN THE END.

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT... YEAH.

OH... YOU KNOW, THIS REALLY WOULD NEVER HAPPEN...

MY HEART STARTS POUNDING

YEAH.

WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT WITH A CLEAR HEAD, IT COMES OFF REALLY BAD...

AND I'M WORRIED ABOUT SUZUKI'S KNEES...

THIS WOULDN'T HAPPEN EITHER...

MY HEART STARTS POUNDING

YEAH.

...BUT THE BIGGEST REASON IS...

I'D BE SCARED OF PARENTS GETTING ALL UP IN ARMS ABOUT IT.

THEY WOULDN'T TAKE THE TRAIN.

OH, YEAH ...

...THAT MAMIKO WALKS TO SCHOOL AND SUZUKI RIDES A BIKE...

WHAA —?
HEAVY!? HOW RUDE ...
JUST GET OFF ALREADY !!!
YOU'RE HEAVY!!!
THEN THIS IS GOOD, RIGHT?
OKAY.
YEAH !!!
OH! THAT'S NOT HEAVY.
NOZO (SQUIRM)
もぞ
NOZO
もぞ
... AND I'LL SIT RIGHT HERE ...
JUST SPREAD YOUR LEGS A LITTLE ...
GATAN
ガタン
GATAN (KATUNK)
ガタン
GOTON
ゴトン
GOTON (KADUNK)
ゴトン
NO, MOVE !!!

[ISSUE 45]

YOU MEAN CHIBIS?
TON (TAP)
TON
SO, YUMENO-SAN, CAN YOU DRAW CHARAC-TERS THAT ARE TWO HEADS TALL?

A TWO-HEAD-TALL MAMIKO...
HEAD
BODY
AND I THOUGHT IF WE COULD GET A TWO-HEAD-TALL MAMIKO FOR THAT...
TWO HEADS HIGH
YES. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SOME LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡ GOODS FOR THE NEXT SET OF FREEBIES.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE IT SO PERFECT. YOU CAN GET A BIT LOOSER WITH IT...
.....NO.

HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT!!!

HE WORKS AT EVERYTHING

KEN-SAN'S GOING TO ABANDON ME...

GATA (TREMBLE)

GATA

I'M SURE HE WAS DISAP-POINTED IN ME...

JUST USE A NORMAL DRAWING.

IT'S OKAY IF YOU CAN'T DO IT.

AND SO YOU CAME TO ME?

HUH?

BUT NEXT MONTH'S GIVEAWAYS ARE FROM YOUR MANGA...

SORRY.

NEXT ISSUE'S FREEBIE: NEW GOODIES FROM YUKARI MIYAKO

BUT...

...I'VE NEVER DRAWN CHIBI CHAR-ACTERS BEFORE.

.....

B-BUT!

YOUR SERIES BEFORE THAT...!!

TANUKI BIG STICKER SET

Next issue's Freebies

New series

Yukari Miyako-sensei's

フラワー☆すくらんぶる

FLOWER SCRAMBLE

HE'S A REALLY HARD WORKER!

LAST SEPTEMBER EXTRA

女王様の言うとおり!

As the Queen Says!

Tanuki keychain

JANUARY EXTRA

赤い血の教室

THE BLOOD-RED CLASSROOM

Tanuki folder

MAY EXTRA

流星プリンス

SHOOTING STAR PRINCE

Tanuki notepad

ALSO ...
...FROM EXPERI-ENCE, I CAN TELL YOU...
IT COULD HELP YOU GET A MYSTERIOUS SORT OF REALITY TO THEM.
I SEE!
A PICTURE DICTIONARY!!!
動物図鑑
IF YOU WANT AN ANIMAL, YOU MIGHT GET SOME IDEAS BY LOOKING AT A PICTURE DICTIO-NARY.

BOOK: VISUAL ANIMAL DICTIONARY

MIYAKO-SAN, MAYBE YOU SHOULD STOP CONSULTING PICTURE DICTIO-NARIES.
THEY'RE REALLY TALL.
AND A GIRAFFE WILL BREAK THROUGH THE PANELS, SO IT WON'T WORK EITHER.

美術部

KYA!

BIKU (STARTLE)

IS SAKURA HERE?

NU (POP)

EXCUSE ME.

SIGN: ART CLUB

.....

FOR NOW, I HAD HIM WAIT.

MAYBE SAKURA PISSED HIM OFF ...?

I HAVE NO IDEA.

HIS EYES ARE ALL GLASSY!

WHY IS HE IN SUCH A BAD MOOD!?

SEN-PAI!

HISO

HISO (WHISPER)

UGH... IF HE'S GOING TO WORK OFF SOME STRESS BY WHACKING IT, I'M FINE WITH THAT...

WHOA! HE PICKED UP SOME CLAY!!!

GU (LIFT)

!!?

SO (OINK)

MOKU (FIXATED)
MOKU
MOKU
SE (QUICK)
SE
MAYBE HE WANTS TO JOIN...
...BUT HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT IT.
NO CLUE ...
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT, SENPAI? WHAT'S WITH HIM!!?
HE'S MAKING A TON OF THEM!!!

!!
UMM...
THAT BUNNY'S REALLY CUTE.

UM...
THEN ...
YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME MORE CONFIDENCE!
YEP, YEP!
IT'S CUTE!
OH!
IS HE EMBARRASSED ...?
SOWA (FIDGET)
SOWA
...THANK YOU.

YOU DON'T NEED THAT MUCH!
OR STATIONERY ...?
LIKE STICKERS ...?
...WOULD YOU WANT MERCHANDISE WITH THIS BUNNY ON IT?

NO-ZAKI-KUN!?
SA-KURA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!!?

HE CAME HERE FOR SUCH A STUPID REASON ...?
I CAME FOR ADVICE.
WHAAAT!?
ACTUALLY, I WAS THINKING OF MAKING A MASCOT CHARAC-TER...

AWW...
AND NOW SAKURA'S FROZEN.
SHE DEFINITELY HAS NO CLUE WHAT TO SAY TO HIM.
.....
レ〜〜〜
JI (STARE)

AND YOU! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING ...!?
AFTER ALL, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SEE THIS...!!
IT'S TOO MUCH...!!!
NO...
I JUST CAN'T MAKE SUCH AN IMPORTANT DECISION ...!!!

YEAH.

KEN-SAN TOLD ME TO DO IT...

?

SO YOU'RE CREATING A MASCOT AT THIS POINT?

DRAW A TANUKI!!

AFTER MAENO-SAN PUSHING THE TANUKI ALL THE TIME...

OH, KEN-SAN...

DRAW THIS.

...DON'T TELL ME KEN-SAN'S DOING IT NOW TOO ...!?

ACK!

...I'VE NEVER REALLY ASKED HIM...

WELL ...

KEN-SAN?

GOKURI (GULP)

WHAT SORT ...

...OF ANIMALS DOES KEN-SAN LIKE...?

BUT WHEN I SAW HIM THE OTHER DAY...

OH!

SUZUKI-KUN...♥

MORNING!

BICHI (FLOP)

BICHI

I'M SO EXCITED I CAN'T SLEEP ...!

BICHI

BICHI

BICHI

BICHI

!!!!

...HE SAID HE LIKES SALMON.

THEIR WORRYING DISCUSSION

WHOO-HOOO!
WHAAAT?
COULD HE BE HER BOY-FRIEND?
HE'S CHIYO'S FRIEND, RIGHT?
HEY, THAT'S... THE GUY WHO CAME WITH MIKO-SHIBA-KUN THAT ONE TIME.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT!?
THE BED WOULD GET SOAKED...
...AND I REALLY DON'T THINK SLEEPING WITH A FISH IS A GOOD IDEA.

THAT WOULD MAKE IT EASY TO USE FOR FREEBIES.
...A MASCOT I WANT TO PUT ON IS... MAMIKO'S BAG, ON THE CORNER OF A NOTE-BOOK, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
OH YEAH!?
HUH?
SAKURA, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO PUT IN A NEW CHARAC-TER OR ANY-THING.

YOU CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT MY MANGA ...?
JIIIN (TOUCHED)
Loo——w
SAKURA ...!
PHEEEW!
I FREAKED OUT!
OHH, THANK GOODNESS... I TOTALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO MAKE IT SOMETHING LIKE MIYAKO-SAN'S TANUKI...

WHAT SORT OF ANIMAL WOULD YOU WANT ...?
SAKURA, LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.
I really should have her pick!

...SO ANY-THING'S GOOD!
A DOG, AN OCTOPUS, A PANDA...
HMMM.
IT'S NOT GONNA GET THAT MUCH EXPOSURE ANYWAY...

...I'VE BEEN PUSHING THE SALMON ...

ALL THIS TIME ...

HE REALLY DID GO WITH SOMETHING KEN-SAN LIKES...

Salmon-kun

IT WAS A FISH IN THE END.

LIKE, "YOU'LL BE HAPPY IF YOU HAVE THIS ITEM."

ADDED VALUE?

?

OR MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE IT SOME SORT OF ADDED VALUE.

OKAY THEN, I CAN JUST HAVE HER CARRY IT AROUND NOW...

OH! I GET IT.

KYA!

ZURU (SLIP)

FUWA (FLOOF)

MY BAG ...!!

HUH ...!?

MAMIKO!

MORN-ING!

YOU BOUGHT ONE?

YEAH!

Salmon

WAIT!!! AT THIS RATE, SUZUKI-KUN'S GOING TO LOSE ALL OF HIS IMPORTANCE ...!!!

COULD IT BE LOOKING OUT FOR ME...?

Salmon

HEE HEE!

MY ICE CREAM'S A WINNER AGAIN... ♡

Salmon

KYA!
KYA!
SO WHAT WAS ALL OF THAT ABOUT ANYWAY?
I GUESS IT WASN'T A FIGHT?
NOW THEY'RE HAVING FUN...
YEAH.

BUT, YOU KNOW, IS HE ACTUALLY HER BOY-FRIEND?
I WON-DER...
WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT MAKES NO SENSE, BUT THEY STILL SEEM LIKE IT...

OH!
HUH!?
IT LOOKS SERIOUS!!!
AGAIN!?
WHAT...
...IS IT THIS TIME!?
I TRIED THINKING ABOUT IT RATIO-NALLY...
...NO-ZAKI-KUN.

...AND I REALLY DON'T THINK IT'S RIGHT FOR FISH TO EAT PEOPLE.
SERI-OUSLY! WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT!!?

UHM...
HE JUST MADE SOME CLAY SCULPTURES AND LEFT...
SO WHAT WAS WITH THAT BIG GUY IN THE END?
YOU COULD SAY HE WAS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS ...

ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT WHETHER I'D WANT MERCHAN-DISE...
HMM?
WHAT A WEIRD GUY.

CHIYO, YOU LEAVING?
YEAH.
KOI LET'S KOI
LET'S KOI
Monthly Girls' Romance

!!?

A CREATOR'S INSISTENCE

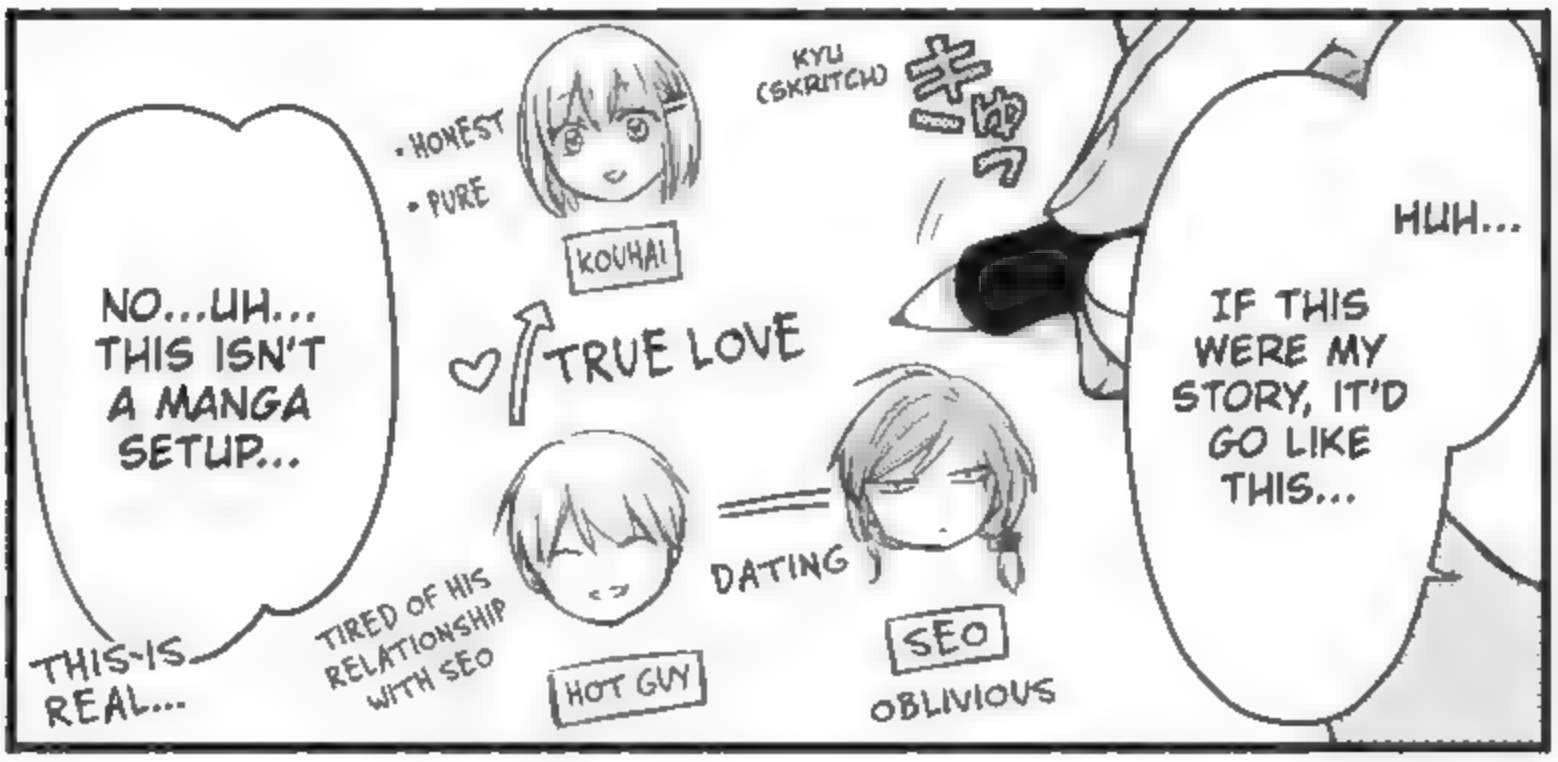
NO!!! IT'S NOT A KOI, IT'S A SALMON, SO—
HUH!?
I SEE. A CHIBI KOI?
IT ALSO WORKS AS A CALLBACK TO THE TITLE. I THINK IT'S A GOOD MASCOT.
YOU DECIDED TO MAKE A PLAY ON THE TITLE, HUH?
HE WENT WITH IT.
KOI !!!
YES !!! SAME HERE !!!

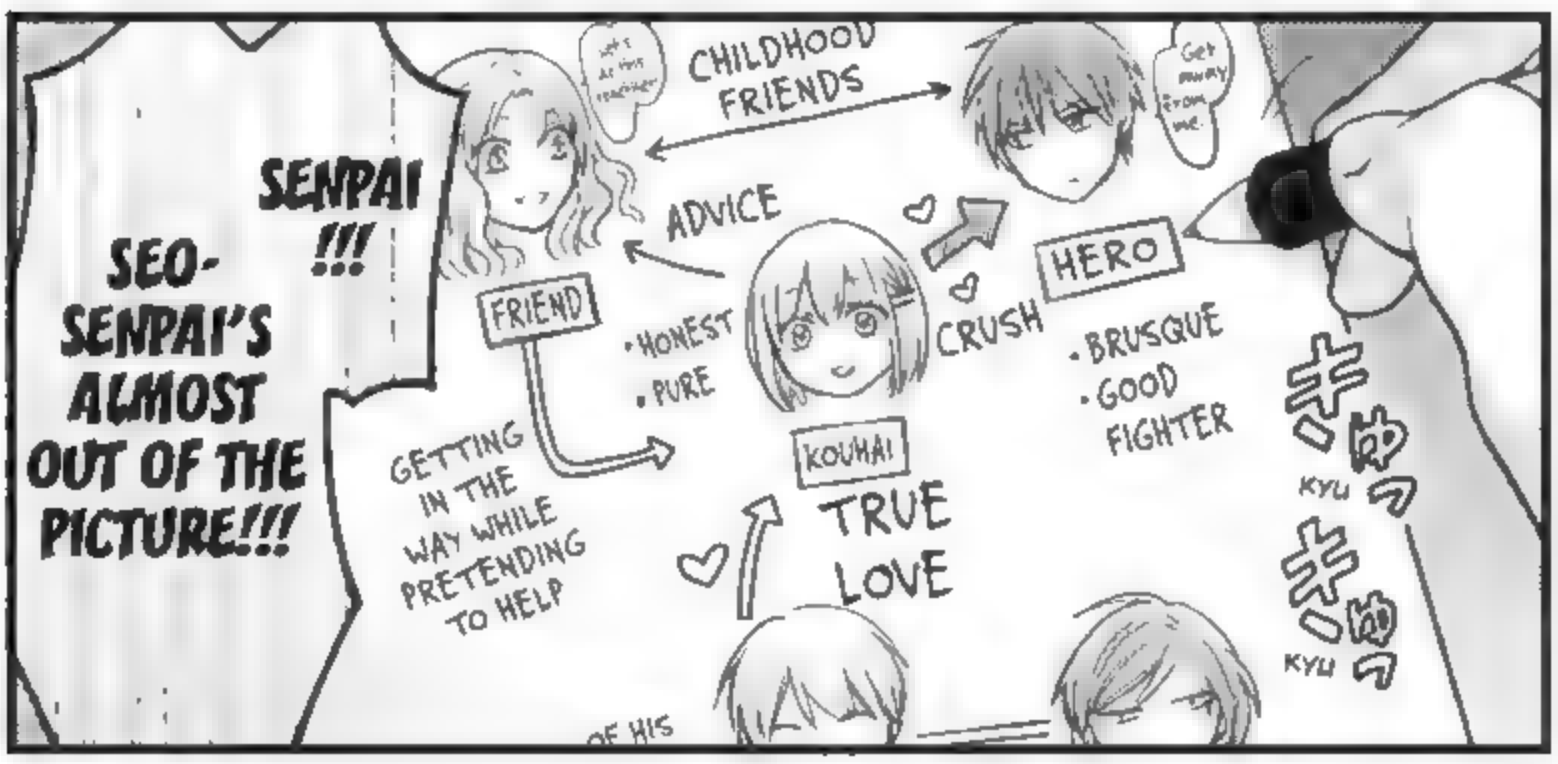
*KOI CAN MEAN BOTH "LOVE" AND THE FISH, SO THE KOI MASCOT IS A PLAY ON THE TITLE OF NOZAKI'S MANGA, LET'S FALL IN LOVE♡, THE JAPANESE TITLE OF WHICH IS KOI SHIYO♡.

[ISSUE 46]

I WONDER IF HE WAS HER BOY-FRIEND...
THAT COOL GUY WHO WAS WITH SEO-SENPAI AT THE SUMMER FESTIVAL...
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME FOR A WHILE NOW.

SEO HAS A HANDSOME BOYFRIEND ...!?
HUH !!?
I TRIED ASKING NOZAKI-SENPAI.


NO...UH... THIS ISN'T A MANGA SETUP...
THIS IS REAL...
• HONEST
• PURE
KOUHAI
TRUE LOVE
TIRED OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH SEO
HOT GUY
DATING
SEO
OBLIVIOUS
KYU (SKRITCH) キュン
HUH...
IF THIS WERE MY STORY, IT'D GO LIKE THIS...


SEO-SENPAI'S ALMOST OUT OF THE PICTURE!!!
SENPAI !!!
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS
ADVICE
FRIEND
GETTING IN THE WAY WHILE PRETENDING TO HELP
• HONEST
• PURE
CRUSH
KOUHAI
TRUE LOVE
HERO
• BRUSQUE
• GOOD FIGHTER
KYU キュン
KYU キュン

I TRIED ASKING HORI-SEN-PAI TOO.

I WONDER WHAT THERE IS BETWEEN HER AND THAT COOL GUY.

FOR SOME REASON, IT REALLY BUGS ME...

I SEE ...

SORRY. YOU DON'T REALLY CARE, DO YOU?

NAH ...

SO, JUST HOW HANDSOME WAS THIS COOL GUY ANYWAY?

HUH !!?

UMM, HE WAS KINDA, YOU KNOW... FLASHY? THE KIND WHO'D BE POPULAR, I GUESS?

THE SPARKLY TYPE...?

I BET THEY ARE GOING OUT...

...AND... UH, THEY LOOKED CLOSE...

HMM ...

I WONDER ...

THOUGH THAT JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...

SO, WAS THIS GUY ...

...COOLER THAN KASHIMA FROM MY DRAMA CLUB?

NEITHER ONE OF THESE TWO LISTENS!!!

...YOU'RE DOING A TRAINING CAMP OVER SUMMER BREAK, RIGHT?

SPEAKING OF THE DRAMA CLUB...

SOUNDS NICE!

YEAH. YOU WANT TO COME TOO?

HUH!?

CAN I!?

...SO NOZAKI'S COMING TOO.

IT'S MORE LIKE A LAID-BACK TRIP THAN ANYTHING ...

HE'S REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

OH!

NOZAKI-SENPAI IS?

...SO INSANELY EXCITED ABOUT THIS...

HE'S JUST ...

A TRAINING CAMP BY THE SEA MEANS GUYS'LL DEFINITELY TRY TO HIT ON YOU AT THE BEACH. AND THEN A HANDSOME GUY WILL SHOW UP, AND BAM! ♡

THAT'S HOW LOVE STARTS. AND AT NIGHT, SOMEONE'LL DEFINITELY LEAVE THE CAMP AND GET CAUGHT UP IN SOME LOCAL EVENT. IF WE DO A TEST OF COURAGE, A MALE GHOST WILL SHOW UP, AND IT'LL BE A DATE FOR JUST THAT ONE NIGHT... BUT IT'LL TURN OUT HE'S A VENGEFUL SPIRIT, AND...

HA HA...

...THAT IT MAKES ME WANT TO LEAVE HIM BEHIND.

NONE OF THAT STUFF IS GOING TO HAPPEN...

YEAH.

WE ALWAYS HAVE NON-MEMBERS COME ALONG WITH US. DO YOU WANT TO COME TOO?

OHH?

A TRAINING CAMP, HUH?

ANYWAY, KASHIMA WILL BE THERE TOO, RIGHT?

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK I AM...?

THERE ARE GOING TO BE A LOT OF STRANGERS. YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

ARE YOU GOING, MIKO-RIN?

MIKO-SHIBA KNOWS THA—

COME ON, CHIYO-CHAN.

AND BATHING SEPA-RATELY TOO.

BUT YOU KNOW, MIKORIN, EVEN THOUGH KASHIMA-KUN WILL BE THERE, YOU'LL BE SLEEPING IN DIF-FERENT ROOMS.

NO WAY!!?

.....

...SO...

THAT'S SEO-SENPAI AND THE GUY FROM BEFORE OVER THERE...!!

HUH?

!!?

...YOU WANNA GO ON AN OVERNIGHT TRIP? WE'LL BE STAYING IN THE SAME ROOM.

NO WAY, SENPAI... WHEN DID YOU GET SO GROWN-UP...?

SHE DIDN'T BAT AN EYE!!?

HMM?

THE SAME ROOM, HUH ...?

WHOA!

SENPAI, THAT'S ...!!!

WHAT ARE YOU, A KID !!?

SHU (WHOOSH)

SHU

THEN ...

...LET'S HAVE A PILLOW FIGHT!

THE PROPER REACTION IS...

OKAY!

NOW, THEN...

SHE WOULDN'T JUST JUMP ON AN OVERNIGHT OUTING LIKE THAT, EVEN IF THEY ARE GOING OUT...

HE REALLY IS HER BOY-FRIEND ...

NO!!!

!!?

YEEEE-EEAH!!!

CHIYO-CHAN, YOU WANNA COME TOO?

OKAY ...

WOULDN'T YOU NORMALLY BE A LITTLE MORE CAUTIOUS!? HESITATE A LITTLE ...!!!

WAIT, THEY BOTH AGREED TO GO RIGHT AWAY!!?

WHY'S SHE HERE?

DON'T TELL ME HE'S GOING OUT WITH SAKURA-SENPAI TOO...!?

HUH !!?

SA-KURA-SEN-PAI!!?

SENPAI, YOU'RE TAKING CAUTION TOO FAR!!!

...WHO ALL'S COMING, AND WILL THERE BE A HAIR DRYER IN THE ROOM?

AND THEN ...

...TELL ME WHERE WE'RE GOING AND WHERE WE'RE STAYING.

NO... FIRST ...

HOW ABOUT YOU, MIKO-SHIBA ...?

...AND IT BUGGED ME, SO I CAME AFTER THEM...

...THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT...

LET'S GO SHOPPING FOR SWIMSUITS OVER THE WEEKEND.

Ladies
Swimsuits & Underwear

HEY, WAKA, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS!

...BUT THEY FOUND ME!!!

SWIMSUIT SALE

NIKO (SMILE)

SINCE THERE'S TWO OF US GUYS, I WON'T LOOK LIKE THE ONLY PERVERT HERE...

STILL, IT HELPS THAT THE BOYFRIEND IS HERE TOO...

COULD HE BE A PERV ...!?

...WHY IS THIS GUY STICKING TO ME LIKE GLUE...?

PITTARI (CLOSE)

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A GOOD SPORT

BUT I HAVE TO SAY... THAT GUY'S A GOOD SPORT...
THIS ONE WOULD LOOK GOOD TOO.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS ONE?

OHH?
REALLY ?
I THINK THIS ONE WOULD LOOK NICE ON YOU, KASHIMA-KUN!

SHA
SHOW ME AFTER YOU GET IT ON, OKAY?
SHA (SHHK)
LET'S TRY THEM ON!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GO EASY ON ME...
IF I... HAVE TO WEAR ONE, THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO...

YOU KNOW, YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY ON EDGE ALL THIS TIME, WAKA.

YOU'RE LIKE A PROWLER.

HUH!!?

A PROWLER!!?

I GET IT... I CAN'T BE ALL NERVOUS ...!!

I HAVE TO BE MORE UNAPOL-OGETIC !!!

I MEAN, THEY'RE JUST SWIM-SUITS !!!

SEN-PAI!

HOW ABOUT THIS!?

GASHA (CLATTER)

All Fifty

Intimates Corner

Bras & Panties

WOW !!!

TALK ABOUT BLATANT HARASS-MENT ...!!!

WAKAMATSU-KUN, WILL YOU COME GET SOME JUICE WITH ME?

OH, SURE ... HUH?

SORRY ABOUT YUZUKI DRAGGING YOU INTO ALL THIS...

ACK!

YOU REALLY SURPRISED ME!

COULD SHE HAVE ASKED ME TO COME WITH HER JUST TO GET ME OUT OF THERE...!?

JIIIN (TOUCHED)

HAS ANYTHING INTERESTING HAPPENED IN YOUR LIFE LATELY?

WELL, LET'S SEE...

OH!

I'M GOING TO THE DRAMA CLUB'S TRAINING CAMP, AND IT LOOKS LIKE NOZAKI-SENPAI'S GOING TOO...

HONOBONO (PEACEFUL)

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WE'RE GOING BACK.

HUH ...?

GASH! (GRAB)

I HAVE TO PICK A SWIMSUIT RIGHT NOW!

C'MON, GET A MOVE ON!

はらはら HARA HARA (PANIC)
NOW HE'S ALL OVER CHIYO-CHAN...
IS SHE OKAY...?
ARGH...
U-UMM...
WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK NOZAKI-KUN WOULD LIKE MORE?
YEAH.
...WHOA, SEN-SEI!
YOU'RE GETTING THAT UNDER-WEAR!?
...AND TELL HIM ALL ABOUT IT...
I THINK I'M GONNA WEAR THIS...
HEH...
SENSEI ... COULD IT BE...
...!!
I MEAN, IT'S KINDA THE FIRST THING HE'S EVER PICKED OUT FOR ME...
SHE'S JUDGING HIM!!?
"YOU REALLY HAVE NO TASTE!"
"I'M WEARING THAT LAME PINK BRA YOU PICKED OUT FOR ME RIGHT NOW!"

THAT'S EVEN MORE GRAPHIC THAN I EXPECTED...

I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THAT.

THEY WENT SWIMSUIT SHOPPING...

...AND THEY'RE GOING ON AN OVER-NIGHT TRIP OVER SUMMER BREAK. SO IN THE END, THEY ARE GOING OUT ...

I TRIED REALLY HARD.

I EVEN DREW SOME PICTURES.

...SERIOUS, OR ARE YOU JUST CONFUSED? ARE YOU ...

HUH?

WELL, MY MANGA IS A LITTLE MORE INNOCENT, SO...

SEX JOKES ARE JUST TOO MUCH...

PLEASE USE IT.

BASED ON THESE TRUTHS, I'VE ADDED TO THE RELATION-SHIP DIAGRAM FROM BEFORE.

HERE ...

CAN EVEN PULL OFF TRYING ON A BIKINI

HOT GUY

GOING OUT

SEO

TWO-TIMING?

FRIENDS?

SAKURA-SENPAI

MIKOSHIBA-SENPAI

BESIDES ...

...WHEN YOU SAY YOU ADDED, YOU MEAN...

.....

NOTHING... I WAS JUST THINKING THAT I CAME OFF AS A TOTAL PERVERT NOW THAT I THINK BACK...

WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION ...?

UM... KASHIMA-SENPAI IS REALLY COOL...

?

SO SHE'S A GIRL...

A SKIRT!!?

AND...

...THEY REFER TO THEMSELVES AS *WATASHI*.

WATA-SHI!?

YOU KNOW ...

...THIS PERSON DOES WEAR A SKIRT AT SCHOOL.

HE MUST HAVE MET HER WHEN SHE WASN'T WEARING HER UNIFORM ...

WHY DIDN'T I SEE IT EARLIER ...?

SUCH A HIGH VOICE TOO.

YOU'VE FIGURED IT OUT NOW, RIGHT?

YEAH ...

THAT'S NOT IT!!!

- WEARS BIKINIS
- WEARS SKIRTS TOO
- STRONG-WILLED

GOING OUT

HOT GUY

- CROSS-DRESSER?

SEO

- HORRIBLE
- MANLY
- TOTALLY INSENSITIVE

WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THIS...

...THESE TWO ARE ACTUALLY PRETTY MADE FOR EACH OTHER..

* WATASHI IS A GENDER NEUTRAL JAPANESE PRONOUN FOR "I," BUT READS FEMININE IN CASUAL CONTEXTS.

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SO YOU'RE GETTING ALL WORKED UP OVER THIS TOO ...!!?

YOU HUGE PERV!!!

Y—

YEAH !!?

KYAA! KYAA!

THE BEACH, HUH...?

THERE ARE A LOT OF SWIMSUITS HERE, MIKO-SHIBA.

IT'S A NICE VIEW.

IT'S THE PERFECT REFERENCE FOR BACK-GROUNDS...

I'M GONNA TAKE ALL THE PICTURES...

WELL... LOOKING AT IT JUST MAKES ME... IMAGINE THINGS.

I WASN'T TAKING CREEP SHOTS. I JUST WANTED PICTURES OF THE BEACH ...!!!!

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT !!!

I MET THE LIFE-GUARD'S EYES ...!!!

OH ...!!!

WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU FANTA-SIZING ABOUT !!?

YOU ...!!!

YOU HUGE PERV!!!

THAT WAS CLOSE.

KYAA! KYAA!

...I ALMOST GOT MYSELF ARRESTED.

HAAAH

THEY'RE ALL GOOD!

I WONDER ...

...WHAT SUZUKI-KUN WILL SAY... ♡

I BOUGHT... A NEW BATHING SUIT... ♡

YOU KNOW ...

...THERE ARE ENTRANCE SCENES DONE IN SWIMSUITS TOO.

IT LOOKS WONDERFUL ON YOU, MAMIKO!!!

...

"COMPLIMENT."

FIRST THERE'S THE ORTHODOX...

...IS HOW SUZUKI REACTS WHEN HE SEES HER.

THE HARD PART HERE ...

KI (SNAP)

...

"GETTING JEALOUS"...

THERE'S ALSO THE CURVEBALL...

I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS...!!!

I CAN'T LOOK STRAIGHT AT HER...

KAAA (BLUUSH)

NEXT THERE'S ...

...

"EMBARRASSMENT."

I'M JEALOUS OF THEM ALL!!!

WHICH DO YOU THINK IS BEST?

DISAPPOINTMENT

SAKURA.
WANT TO GO IN THE WATER?
I'M NOT DISAP-POINTED!
WELL, I GUESS I DIDN'T EXPECT NOZAKI-KUN TO ACTUALLY COMPLIMENT ME, BUT STILL...

TA (TROT) TA
OH!
LET'S GO!!
YEAH!
TA TA TA ... TA

...REALLY LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.
...BUT THAT...
IT'S PERFECT.
.....
SAKURA.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO SAY IT...

THE INNER TUBE !!!

WHAT?
DO YOU HAVE YOUR PACK OF GIRLS FOLLOWING YOU AGAIN ...?
GAYA
GAYA
GAYA (CHATTER)
OH!
HORI-SEN-PAAAI!

THEY'RE JUST KINDA STUCK BEHIND ME. I CAN'T GET AWAY...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
THAT'S RARE!!!
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PITA (CLING)
...
WHOA!
GUYS !!?

WHAT DO YOU THINK...?
DOKI (BADUM)
DOKI
I WAS THINKING THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE TOO REVEALING ...
HEY... KASHI-MA-KUN.

SO THAT'S THE BEST SEAT, IS IT ...?
.....
WHOOOOOOA!

AHHH.
I FINALLY GOT AWAY...
BASHA (SPLASH)
THAT WAS REALLY STIFLING...
BASHA
HUH?
YOU'RE GOING IN LIKE THAT?

...
YEAH.
THIS IS A SWIM-SUIT.
I HAVE A BIKINI ON UNDER-NEATH TOO.
LIKE THIS.
A BIKINI ...?
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE IT.

...WANT ME TO TAKE IT OFF?
WELL ...
...YOU LOOK LIKE YOU REALLY WANT IT...
WHOA, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...!?
GEHO (COUGH)
GEHO
WHY!!?
HUH!?
WANT !!?

...want You... to wear the bikini, don't you ...?
YOU CAN HAVE IT.
I HOPE YOU DROWN!

OH!
KYORO (GLANCE)
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KYORO
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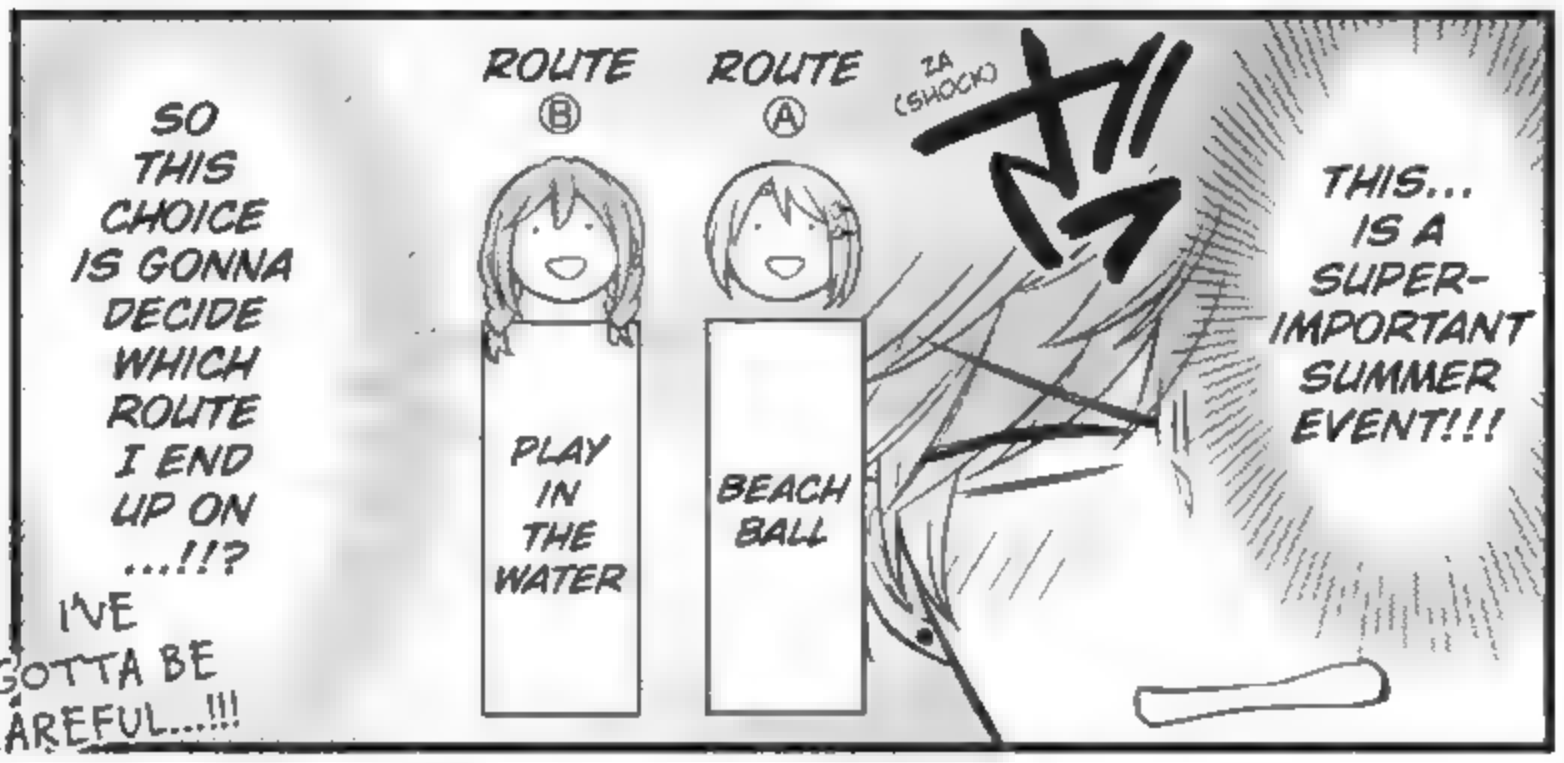
HUH?
WHERE'D KASHIMA GET OFF TO?

NO, LET'S GO SWIMMING TOGETHER!
!!!
WANT TO PLAY WITH A BEACH BALL?
MIKO-SHIBA-KUUUN!


SO THIS CHOICE IS GONNA DECIDE WHICH ROUTE I END UP ON ...!!?
I'VE GOTTA BE CAREFUL...!!!
ROUTE Ⓑ
PLAY IN THE WATER
ROUTE Ⓐ
BEACH BALL
ZA (SHOCK)
THIS... IS A SUPER-IMPORTANT SUMMER EVENT!!!

I'M BEING FORCED DOWN ROUTE C...!!?
!!?
THAT SOUNDS NICE!!
OH!
OR BETTER YET, I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOME YAKISOBA.
PIKOOON (DIING)
ピコーン
© GO GET YAKISOBA

WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIKO-SHIBA-KUN?

HOW ABOUT BUILD-ING SAND CAS-TLES?

THAT'S A GIVEN!

A DAY AT THE BEACH IS ALL ABOUT BREAKING A WATER-MELON!

ALL THE TIME!!?

ISN'T THAT A HUGE DEAL!!?

THAT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.

...OR A COUPLE DAYS ON A DESERTED ISLAND... I GUESS.

GOTTA DRIFT OFF AND SPEND A NIGHT IN A CAVE ...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, MIKO-SHIBA-KUN?

OHHH!

THAT SHOULD STAY A FLEETING SUMMER MEMORY, RIGHT?

IT'S JUST A TEMPORARY FLING...

...YOU JUST CAN'T TRUST AN ENCOUNTER AT THE BEACH.

BUT, YOU KNOW ...

HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH REALLY WEIRD SUMMERS ...!!!

...FROM THE SECOND YEAR ON.

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

THEY ONLY SHOW UP RANDOMLY...

I THINK THAT'S A SECRET CHARACTER ROUTE.

AWWW!
I WANNA TOUCH THEM TOO!
THEY REALLY ARE! WAY TO GO, BASKET-BALL PLAYER !!
!!?
BETA (PRESS)
WHOOOA!
WAKAMATSU-KUN, YOUR ABS ARE AMAZING!!!

NO, IT'S NOT!!!
AWW. IT'S ALL GOOD.
HEY! YOUR CHEST IS TOUCH-ING ME!!!
AH!!!
SEO-SEN-PA! !!!
LET GO!!!

SO YOU REALLY DO LIKE THEM BIG, DON'T YOU?
GEEZ!
WHAAAT?
YOU SAY THAT...
...AND THEN RUN TO SEO-SAN?
HELP ME ...!!!
BA (WHAP)

THOSE ARE JUST LUMPS OF FAT, AREN'T THEY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

CAN'T WE JUST MAKE UP THEIR WORDS ON OUR OWN?
LIKE, MAYBE...
EVEN IF THEY WERE, THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.
WE CAN'T HEAR EITHER.
YOU KNOW, NO ONE'S GETTING HIT ON...

OH...
SORRY.
HE'S HERE WITH ME...
SU (SWF)
HUH!?
UMM...
OH.
ARE YOU HERE BY YOURSELF?

HIDE BEHIND ME.
COME ON...
IT'S SO DANGER-OUS I CAN'T EVEN WATCH.
HONESTLY. YOU'RE TOTALLY VULNERABLE.

SHE JUST ASKED FOR DIREC-TIONS TO A SHOP! THAT'S ALL!!!
YUZUKI
...
SEO
...
KYUN (TWINGE)
KYUN
KYUN
KYUN

A LITTLE INCIDENT

HUH?

YOU WANT TO SEE SOMEONE GET HIT ON?

WELL, IT'S MORE LIKE...

...WE WANT TO SEE SOME SORT OF INCIDENT ...

HMMM.

AN INCIDENT, HUH...?

WAIT A MINUTE.

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DOBON (SPLOOSH)

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?

OKAY.

TRY SWIMMING OVER THERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

WHAT DID YOU DO, YUZUKI?

?

BASHA

BASHA (SPLASH)

!!?

WHOA!

HUH!?

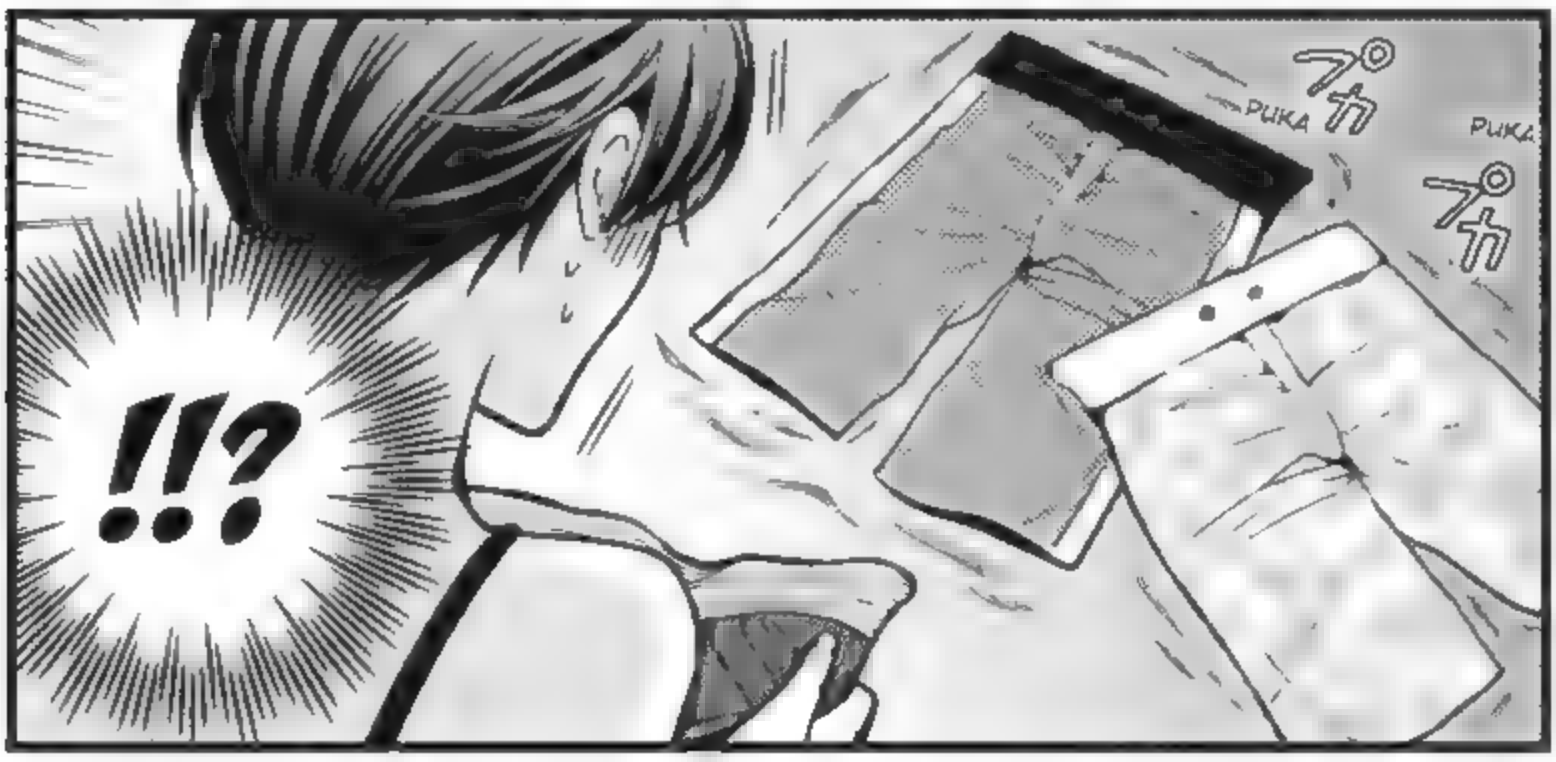
NO WAY!!!

THEY'RE FLOATING AWAY!!!

I PULLED OUT THE STRINGS ON THEIR TRUNKS.

HUH?
WHAT'S THAT...?
PETA (FWAP)

YOU DROPPED SOME-THING SUPER-IMPOR-TANT...!
SEN-PAI!
HEY!
SWIM TRUNKS !!?
GYO (SHOCK)
PUKAAA (F_LOAT)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PUKA
PUKA

JUST ONE, DUH !!!
ARE YOU INSANE!!?
HOW MANY !!?
HOW HOW MANY PAIRS ARE YOU WEAR-ING!!?

NOT WEARING ANY-THING
NOT WEARING ANYTHING
NOT WEARING ANY-THING
ME TOO...
SO DO I...
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE.
... WHEN SHE LOSES HER BIKINI ...
NOW... I THINK I GET HOW A GIRL FEELS ...

BASHA
BASHA
BASHA (SPLASH)
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ばしゃ
ばしゃ
ARE YOU THREE OKAY?
!!!

SORRY! PLEASE DON'T COME OVER HERE !!!
JUST DON'T !!!
DON'T COME OVER HERE !!!
ST-STOP ...!! STAY AWAY, SAKURA ...!!!

I think I understand how a bully feels right now...!!!
UZU (TWITCH)
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DOKI
DOKI
ドキ
ドキ
What should I do ...?
DOKI
ドキ
DOKI (BADUM)
ドキ

THAT'S THEM!!!

OH!!!

OH.

CHIYO-CHAN.

DID ANYONE OVER HERE LOSE THEIR TRUNKS?

OKAY!!!

OKAY, THROW 'EM OVER HERE!!!

REALLY!!?

ISN'T THAT GREAT!!?

YOU GUYS!!! WE FOUND YOUR SWIM-SUITS!!!

BASHA

BASHA (SPLASH)

HYUN (FWOOSH)

THERE!!!

BECHA (SPLAT)

ZABA (WHOOSH)

MY BATHING SUIT GOT WASHED AWAY...!!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?
... BUT ...
WE'RE SWIM-MING AT THE BEACH TODAY.

OHH!
!!!
YEAH !!! THANK YOU!
THAT'S ...!!!
HEY, MAMIKO. THIS IS YOURS, ISN'T IT?

HA HA.
DO I REALLY LOOK THAT NICE TO YOU?
...LITTLE DOGGY.
GO ON, LOOK FOR IT YOUR-SELF...
ZAZA (WHOOSH)
SU (SLIP)

I'M SOOOOO SORRY! REALLY, I AM!!!
GABA (WHIP)
IT WAS THE PERFECT MIX OF DESPAIR!
I BASED MAMIKO'S EXPRESSIONS ON MIKO-SHIBA'S.

YO, LEG MAN!!

WHO HAS THE GOOD ONES? ITOU? AOKI? HAYASHI'S GOOD TOO, ISN'T SHE?

HOOORI-CHAN!!!

WE'RE AT THE BEACH, SO YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THE GIRLS' LEGS, HAVEN'T YOU?

WHY DON'T YOU TRY RANKING THEM?

I REALLY WANNA KNOW!!

BASHI

BASHI (SMACK)

HONESTLY!

AWWW.

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD RANK THEM!

STOP IT!

WAY TO GO, PRESI-DENT!!

YEAH!

THAT'S HOR-RIBLE!

I...

...ONLY LOOK AT THEIR LEGS.

I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY BELONG TO.

YOU'RE JUST AS BAD, PRESIDENT!

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IT'S TOTALLY SILENT ON THE OTHER END!!

IS IT AN IMAGINARY GIRLFRIEND!?

H—

HEY!!!

...SO, WE JUST GOT TO THE INN.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO BRING BACK FOR YOU?

SHH!

...HE'S TALKING TO MAYU-KUN.

RIGHT NOW...

KEEP IT DOWN!!

HUH?

BUT IT'S SILENT!!

HA HA HA HA HA!

WELL, I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT.

IT REALLY FEELS LIKE A SLEEPOVER! I'M SO EXCITED!

TEE HEE HEE!

YOU'RE GONNA WEAR THE YUKATA?

HMM?

BIG BATH!

BIG BATH!

OKAY!

LET'S GO TO THE BATHS!!!

HMM...

A PILLOW FIGHT, HUH...?

I KNOW. ONCE WE GET OUT OF THE BATH, WANT TO GET RIGHT TO THE PILLOW FIGHT?

WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT!!?

!!?

IF YOU WERE GOING TO TALK ABOUT BOYS, I'D CONSIDER PUTTING YOU AT THE TOP OF MY VISIT LIST.

THAT'S THE SAME AS THE GUYS IN THE CHRYSAN-THEMUM ROOM...

NOW WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!!?

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOYS!

KASHI-MA-KUN!

THERE'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE A WHOLE LOT OF CHATTER BETWEEN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BATHS!!!

WHO IS IT?

HEEEY!

MEN

WOMEN

KYA! KYA!

SINCE IT'S A BATH...

BUT STILL, A BATH, HUH ...?

KYAA!

KYAA!

KYAA!

NO!! I'LL DO IT!

KASHIMA-KUUUUN, I'LL WASH YOUR BACK!

GYAA!

GYAA!

GYAA!

HERE, I'LL GET IT FOR YOU!!!

I-I'M GONNA!!!

MIKOSHIBA, TAKE OFF YOUR TOWEL!

DON'T ACT ALL COOL!

I TOTALLY FORGOT !!!

ACK!

YOU LOOK REALLY GOOD IN THAT, NOZAKI-KUN.
SO COOL!!!
OHHH, BUT NOZAKI-KUN'S IN A YUKATA!!

H—
HE'S EMBARRASSED ...!!?
!!?
SU (SWF)
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OH... YEAH ...?
SOWA (FIDGET)
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DOKI
ドキ
ドキ
DOKI (BADUM)

NOZAKI-KUN ...!!!
I KNEW IT...
!
YOU...
...YEAH ...THAT ...
...YOU LOOK GOOD TOO.

THAT COUPLE OVER THERE'S REALLY DISTRACTING...!!!
S—
SORRY !!!
GIKU (GULP)
SOWA
SOWA
SOWA
そわ
YOU'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING TO ME, ARE YOU?

...EVERY-ONE FIGHTS OVER YOU... I'M GONNA BE BUSY.

WHEN YOU'RE AS POPULAR AS ME...

HA!

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR TONIGHT, MIKORIN?

I THINK I'LL HANG OUT WITH KASHIMA.

...SO I THINK I'LL ASK HORI-CHAN...

...THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE'S PROBABLY THINKING...

BAIT FOR THE BAIT

BAIT

BAIT

HYDRANGEA ROOM

HOLLYHOCK ROOM

TONIGHT, HUH...? IF I INVITE KASHIMA, MAYBE WE'LL GET A BUNCH OF GIRLS...

THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'S BOTH FRIENDS WITH THE PRINCE AND HAS GIRLS HANGING ALL OVER HIM TOO...!!!

DOUBLE BAIT!!!

LILY OF THE VALLEY ROOM

HEH HEH HEH...

THEY'RE ALL SO WEAK...

THEY REALLY ARE FIGHTING OVER HIM!!!

MIKO-SHI-BAAA !!!

PICK ME!!!

YOU'RE COMING TO MY PLACE, RIGHT!!?

ARRRGH!

MIKO-SHIBA!

COME WITH ME!!!

OHH...

FOR REAL?

THEN, WANNA GO WITH JUST THE TWO OF US?

FOR THE PILLOW FIGHT?

MIKOSHIBA'S GONE TOO.

CHIYO-CHAN...

...WENT TO NOZAKI'S ROOM.

KASHI-MA...

...WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD PUNISH-MENT FOR YOU?

...THE LOSER GETS A PUNISH-MENT!

OKAY, THEN ...

SOUNDS GOOD!

LET'S MAKE THIS A PROPER ONE-ON-ONE BATTLE ...!!!

...HOW ABOUT YOU, SENSEI?

THAT WOULD BE REALLY EMBARRASSING!!!

SINGING REALLY LOUD, I THINK!!

BUT THAT'S THE SAME THING!

LET'S SEE... HAVING TO LISTEN TO YOUR CRAPPY SINGING, I THINK !!!

I GOT TOLD TO GO DEAL WITH AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE BEFORE I GO HAVE FUN...
YEAH.
...AND MIKO-SHIBA-SENPAI GO, I WON-DER?
WHERE DID NOZAKI-SENPAI ...
OH!

...I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ACTUALLY WENT TO GO HANG OUT WITH A BUNCH OF GIRLS...
SENPAI ...
HUH?
SENPAI.
NOZAKI!

THAT'S WHAT I WAS TOLD...
...IT JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.
WELL ...
HUH?
I DON'T FIT IN?

.....HUH? WHAT ABOUT ME?

SHUT UP!!!

WHAT DUMB-ASSES ARE DOING THAT!!?

HEY!

SUPAAAN (WHAM)

ZUDOOON (THWACK)

DOSUUUN (THUD)

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!

HFF!

HFF!

HFF!

HORI-CHAN-SENPAI ...

OH ...

WHOA! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, KASHIMA!!?

HFF!

HFF!

!!?

KASHIMA... ABOUT THE PUNISH-MENT...

IF YOU LOSE, YOU'VE GOTTA DO IT IN FRONT OF HORI-CHAN-SENPAI OVER THERE.

I TOLD YOU TO STOP!

LISTEN TO ME!

JUST WATCH ME!!!

BA (WHAP)

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SEN-PAI... I...

...ABSO-LUTELY HAVE TO WIN TO PROTECT YOUR APPROVAL ...!!!

THE DANGER OF GOOFING OFF

...SO I THINK I'LL TAKE ANOTHER BATH...

I GOT ALL SWEATY ...

HMM!

HM-

HMMM!

HEH HEH!

THERE'S NO ONE HERE. IT FEELS GREAT!

DOBON (SPLOOSH)

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PUKAAAA (BOB)

WAKA-MA-TSUUU !!!

HEY NOW!

WHO JUST JUMPED IN?

THAT'S TOO MUCH GOOFING AROUND!

...OH, THERE ARE EXTRA YUKATA, SO MAYBE I'LL GET CHANGED ...

GUESS I'LL KEEP IT DOWN ...

OH WELL ...

YOUR ROOM'S CLOSER, SO JUST PUT HIM IN THERE FOR NOW.

HE'S HEAVY.

I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT WAKING UP AFTER GOING TO SLEEP TO LORELAI'S SONGS FEELS SO GOOD...

HUH...? WHY AM I SLEEPING ...?

OH !!!

UTO (DOZE)

UTO

CRAP! I ALMOST FORGOT!

WAKA !!!

?

YUSA

YUSA (SHAKE)

WAKA !!!

WAKA !!!

WAKA!

WAKE UP!

YUSA

YUSA

WHAA —?

WH—

.....

I'M WEARING THAT LAME BRA YOU PICKED OUT FOR ME RIGHT NOW!!!

THAT WAS THE WORST WAY TO WAKE UP.

BI (JAB)

THAT GUY'S HOBBIES ARE INSANE!

YEAH!

I FEEL LIKE I GOT A LOT DONE!!!

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT PERSON LIKED THAT OTHER PERSON...

AHHH!

WE WENT TO SO MANY ROOMS, DIDN'T WE, NOZAKI-KUN!?

!!!

I'M USING THIS STUFF FOR MANGA IDEAS.

BUT, SAKURA, WERE YOU REALLY OKAY TAGGING ALONG WITH ME?

...was exciting in a way that has nothing to do with manga. It was really fun!!!

Being ... ...with you...

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO LET HIM KNOW HOW I FEEL ...!!!

IT ISN'T GETTING THROUGH.

SHE REALLY IS A DIEHARD FAN OF GOSSIP...

.....

I SEE ...

I FORGOT TO TAKE YUKATA PICTURES!!! FOR REFERENCE!!!
WHAT'S WRONG !?
OH!!!

UHH... RIGHT HERE, FROM THIS ANGLE.
HUH!!?
...TAKE A PICTURE OF ME. THEN ...
SAKU-RA...
NO WAY !!!

DOKI (BADUMP) ドキ
ドキ
DOKI
WHAT ARE THEY DOING SNEAKING AROUND HERE ...?
NOZAKI AND SAKURA'S VOICES ...?
GOSO
GOSO (SHFF) ゴソ ゴソ
...GET THE LINING TOO?
YEAH. CAN YOU ...
OH. EXCUSE ME FOR A BIT...
OKAY ...

SERI-OUSLY, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING !!?

GIRLS, GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM.

OKAY!

OH. IT'S TIME FOR LIGHTS OUT.

MIKO-SHIBA ...

... ISN'T COM-ING BACK.

WHERE'D HE GO...?

I'LL HELP!

OHH?

ONE, TWO...

HUH?

WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUTONS.

SEN-PAI...

...YOU'RE SO CARE-LESS.

WHOOPS!

SHIIIT, IT'S PAST LIGHTS OUT!

GARA (SLIDE)

HMM?

AREN'T THERE ONE TOO MANY FUTONS IN HERE?

WAKAMATSU, MIKOSHIBA, HORI-SENPAI...

KASHIMA !!!

ZZZ...

ZZZ...

SINCE HE JUST WASN'T WAKING UP, THE DRAMA CLUB PLAYED AROUND WITH WAKAMATSU.

YANYA (CLAP)

やんやんやん

YANYA

WAKE UP...!! SNOW WHIIITE!!!

HOW COULD THIS BE...?

O—

OUR DEAR SNOW WHITE ...!!!

OH NO!

OH NO!

[ISSUE 49]

REQUEST
• COVER OF MONTHLY GIRLS' ROMANCE, PLEASE
• SUZUKI AND MAMIKO SURROUNDED BY FLOWERS > TYPE OF FLOWERS (SOMETHING SEASONAL)
• GAZES LOOKING AT THE READER
•ROUGH DRAFT DUE 0/x
THE ROSES WILL BE DRAWN IN PROPERLY-LATER (BY HIROSHIBA
FINAL IMAGE

IMAGERY FROM OTHER EDITORS

...ARE DONE AS REQUESTED BY THE EDITOR IN CHARGE OF THE COVER.

SOMETHING LIKE THIS, PLEASE!!

- It's June, so rain
- Sharing an umbrella

↑ Final image

EDITOR

GIRLS' ROMANCE

I'M IN CHARGE OF THE COVER THIS TIME!!

THE COVER ILLUSTRATIONS OF GIRLS' ROMANCE...

MAENO-SAN ↓

IT'S DIFFERENT DEALING WITH SOMEONE OTHER THAN MAENO-SAN.

わく WAKU

わく WAKU (EXCITED)

GAGAGAGAGA (WHIRRRRRRR)

MIYAKO, AGE EIGHTEEN

SO...

...

EDITORS WHO AREN'T YOUR EDITOR WILL CONTACT YOU.

HEE HEE!

OTHER PEOPLE DON'T SAY, "PUT IN SOME TANUKI," DO THEY?

GAGAGAGAGA

COVER PLAN

- SPRING IMAGERY
- THE HEROINE AND HERO HOLDING HANDS UNDER THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS
- IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE SOME PETALS.

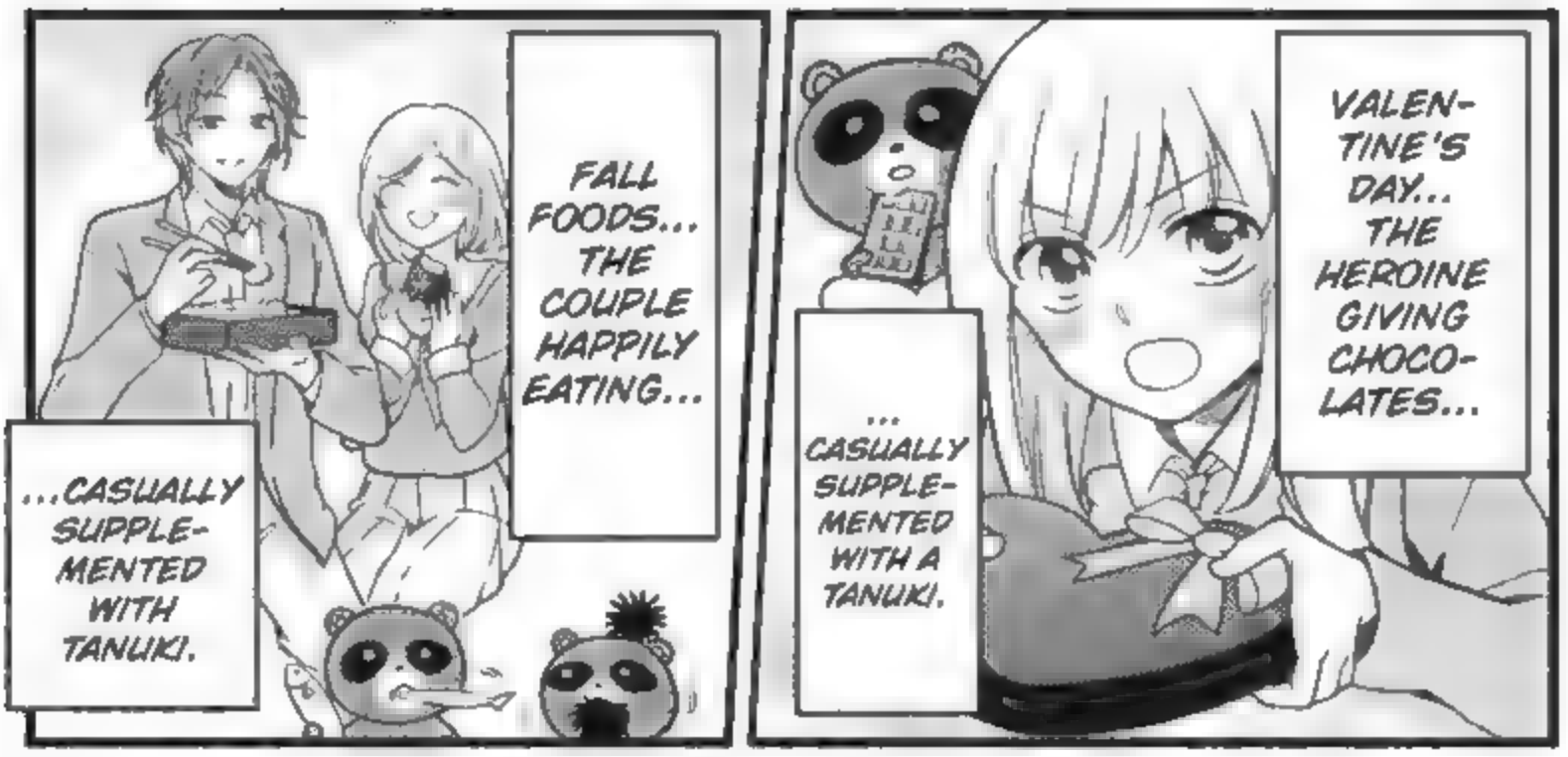
THEY'RE CAUTIONING ME ABOUT THEM INSTEAD!!!

GAGAGAGA

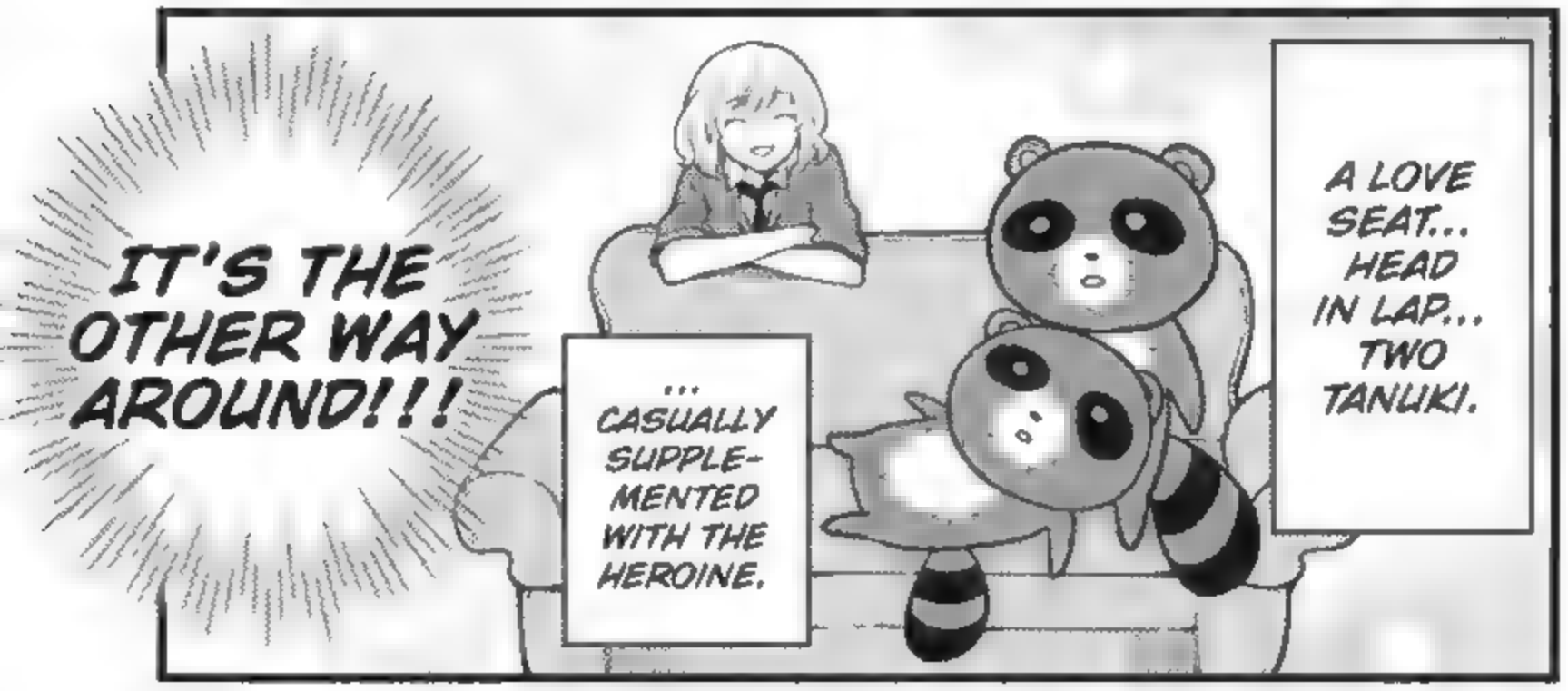
※PLEASE LIMIT IT TO TWO TANUKI.

(THREE OR MORE IS NEGOTIABLE.)

BY THE WAY...
...HOW'S THAT BEEN GOING LATELY?
HMM...
I GUESS PEOPLE THINK THAT I REALLY LOVE TANUKI...

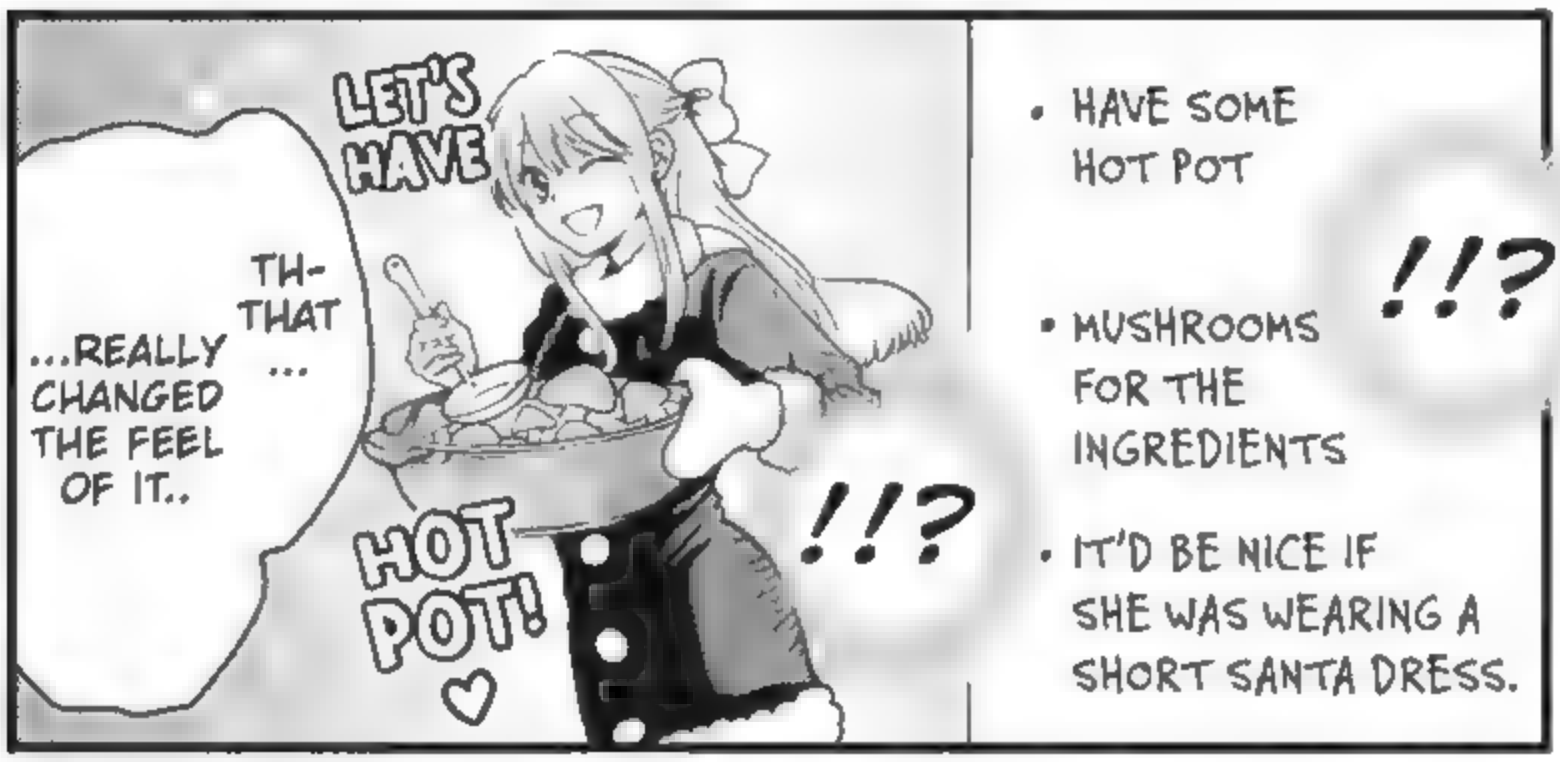

FALL FOODS... THE COUPLE HAPPILY EATING...
...CASUALLY SUPPLE-MENTED WITH TANUKI.
VALEN-TINE'S DAY... THE HEROINE GIVING CHOCO-LATES...
...CASUALLY SUPPLE-MENTED WITH A TANUKI.

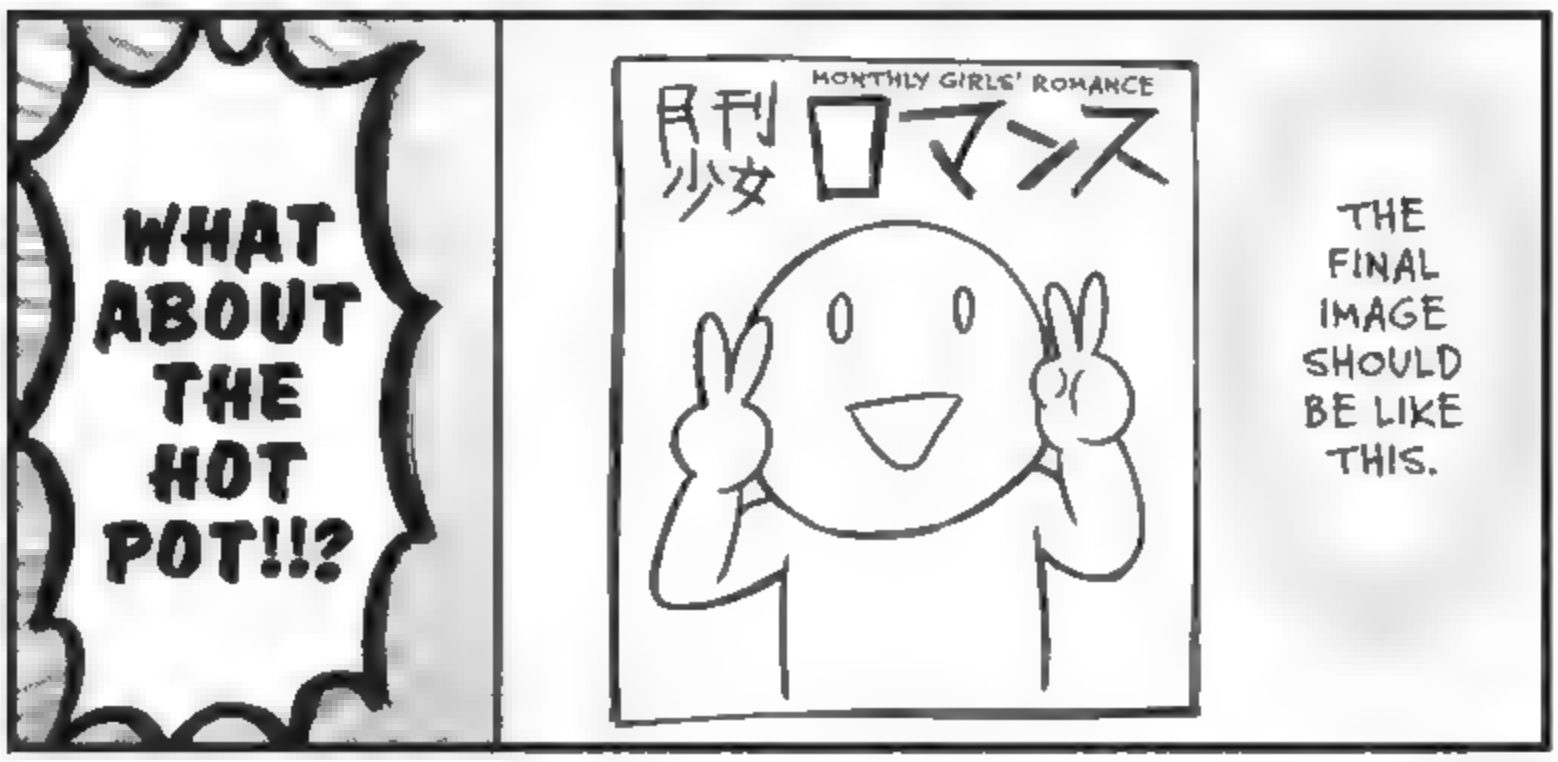
UMM... WHEN I'M WORKING WITH MAENO-SAN, IT'S MORE LIKE THIS.
CASUALLY SUPPLE-MENTED, HUH?
... THIS ...
...ISN'T FOR MAENO-SAN, RIGHT ...?


IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND!!!
... CASUALLY SUPPLE-MENTED WITH THE HEROINE.
A LOVE SEAT... HEAD IN LAP... TWO TANUKI.

I'VE BEEN GIVEN SOME WEIRD REQUESTS TOO.
NO.
LIKE THIS ONE...
MUST BE NICE.
THIS IS PRETTY MUCH NORMAL FOR YOU, ISN'T IT, NOZAKI-KUN?

?
IT DOESN'T REALLY SEEM ALL THAT STRANGE...
IT'S INNOCENT.
•A COLD WINTER'S DAY
• IN A FIELD OF PURE WHITE SNOW
• MAMIKO WEARING WHITE MITTENS AND WHITE SCARF


LET'S HAVE
TH-THAT ...
...REALLY CHANGED THE FEEL OF IT..
HOT POT!
!!?
• HAVE SOME HOT POT
• MUSHROOMS FOR THE INGREDIENTS
• IT'D BE NICE IF SHE WAS WEARING A SHORT SANTA DRESS.
!!?


WHAT ABOUT THE HOT POT!!?
MONTHLY GIRLS' ROMANCE
月刊少女ロマンス
THE FINAL IMAGE SHOULD BE LIKE THIS.

PLEASE PUT IN SOME BACKGROUND TO GIVE IT A SEASONAL FEEL.
YEAH.
A COVER?
HUH? NOZAKI-KUN...
...YOU DON'T DO A LOT OF COLOR IMAGES WITH BACK-GROUNDS.
...WHAT THEY SAID.
...THAT'S...
IT'S KIND OF A PAIN, BUT OH WELL...

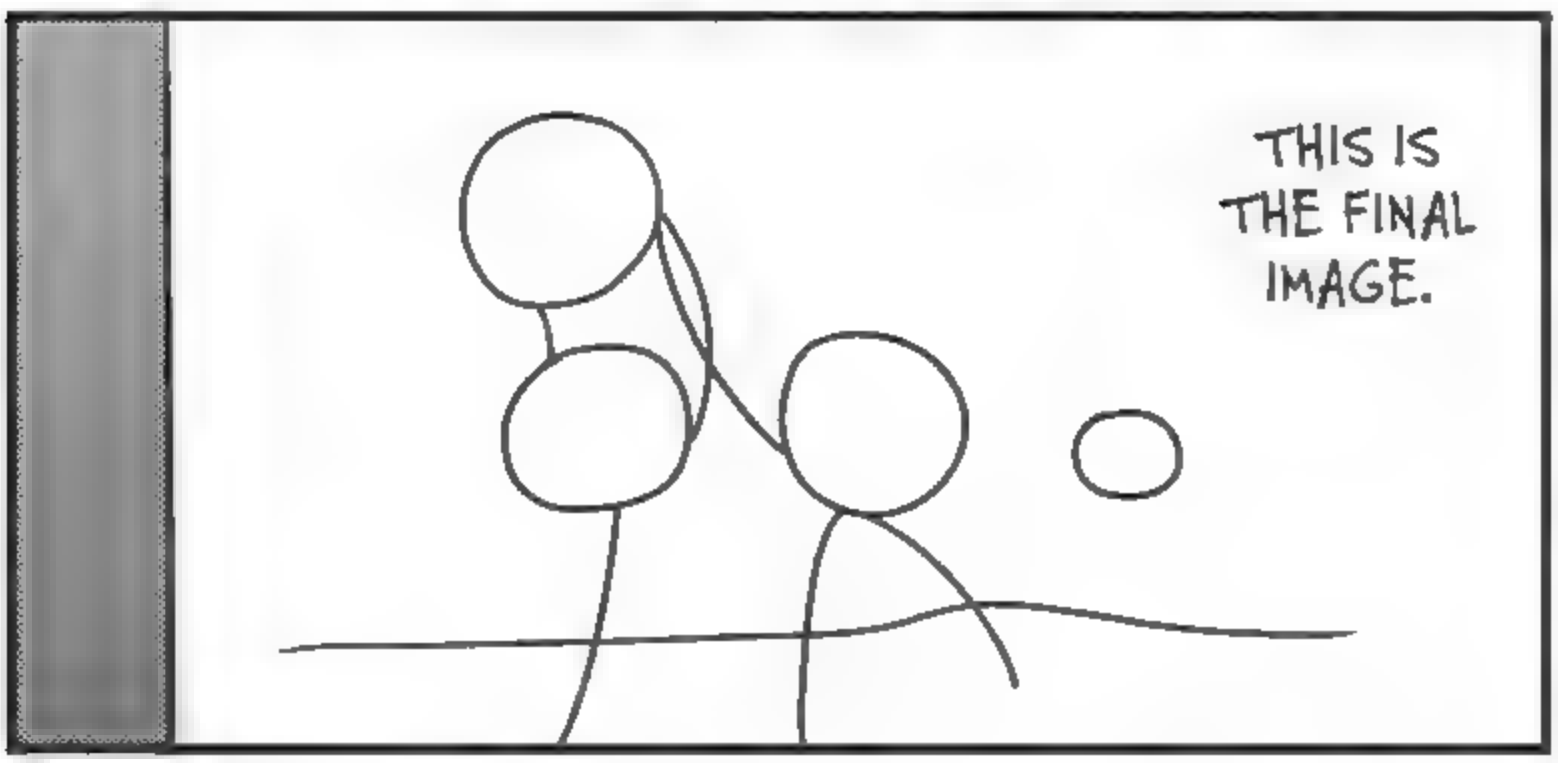
DAMMIT!!! ARE THEY TRYING TO HARASS ME!!?
MONTHLY
LET'S FALL IN LOVE
WE'LL GIVE YOU PRESENTS
WHAT'S LOVE?
恋ってなに?
NO-ZAKI-KUN!!!
YOU CAN'T SEE THE BACK-GROUND AT ALL!!!

HEH HEH HEH, JUST LIKE A PRO...
...SO I'LL SLACK OFF IN PLACES WHERE THEY MIGHT PUT TEXT THIS TIME...
HE'S LEARNED.
THEY COM-PLETELY RUINED MY ILLUSTRA-TION LAST TIME...

DAMMIT!!!
I JUST CAN'T WIN!!!
MONTHLY
HEY... ARE YOU EXCITED...?
LET'S FALL IN LOVE
WIDEN FOR LIFE
NOZAKI-KUN!!!
THERE'S NO TEXT AT THE BOTTOM!!!

IT'S A SUMMER IMAGE, SO I THINK I'LL ASK FOR BEACH BALLS...
OR BREAKING A WATERMELON COULD WORK TOO...
IN CHARGE OF THE COVER THIS TIME: KEN-SAN.

IT MAKES THINGS LESS CONFUSING IF YOU PROVIDE A VISUAL.
DRAW IT!
HUH... I SEE...
WHAA —?
NO.
...ALL RIGHT IF I DON'T DRAW ANY-THING?
UH... IS IT...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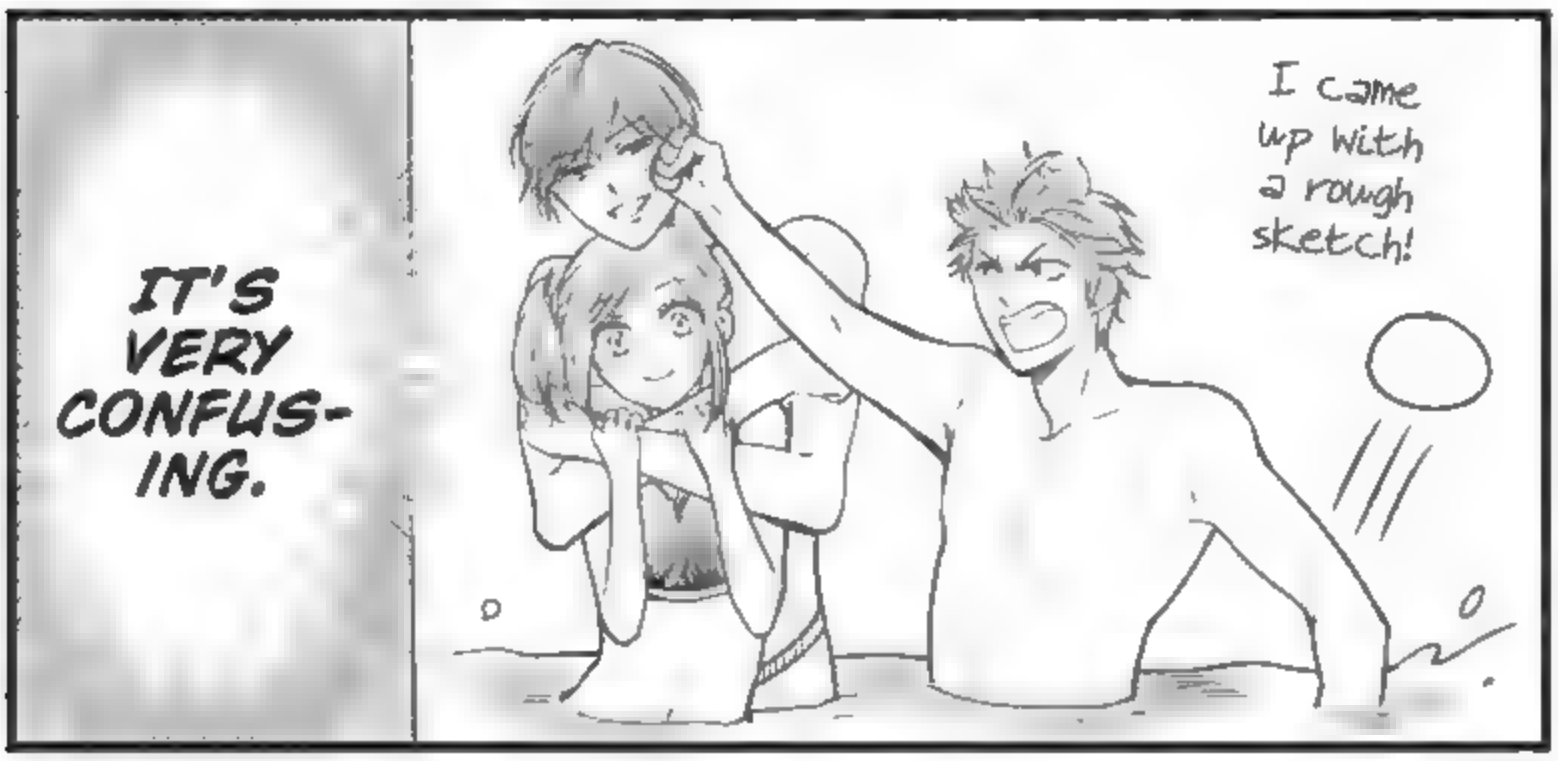

IT'S VERY CONFUS-ING.
I came up with a rough sketch!

OTHER IDEAS

GAGAGAGAGA (WHIRRRR)

ガガガガガ…

I thought of something for breaking watermelons too!

PHEW!

GOOD …

THEY THOUGHT OF SOME OTHER COMPOSI-TIONS TO FIT THE PATTERN …

THIS HAS TO BE BETTER.

Watermelon breaking ver.

THE COMPO-SITION'S THE SAME!!!

IT'S SCARY!!!

GAGAGAGAGA

ガガガガガ…

Could this be the watermelon?

…BUT GOOD. THIS SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE PEACE-FUL…

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A BALL, NOT A WATER-MELON…

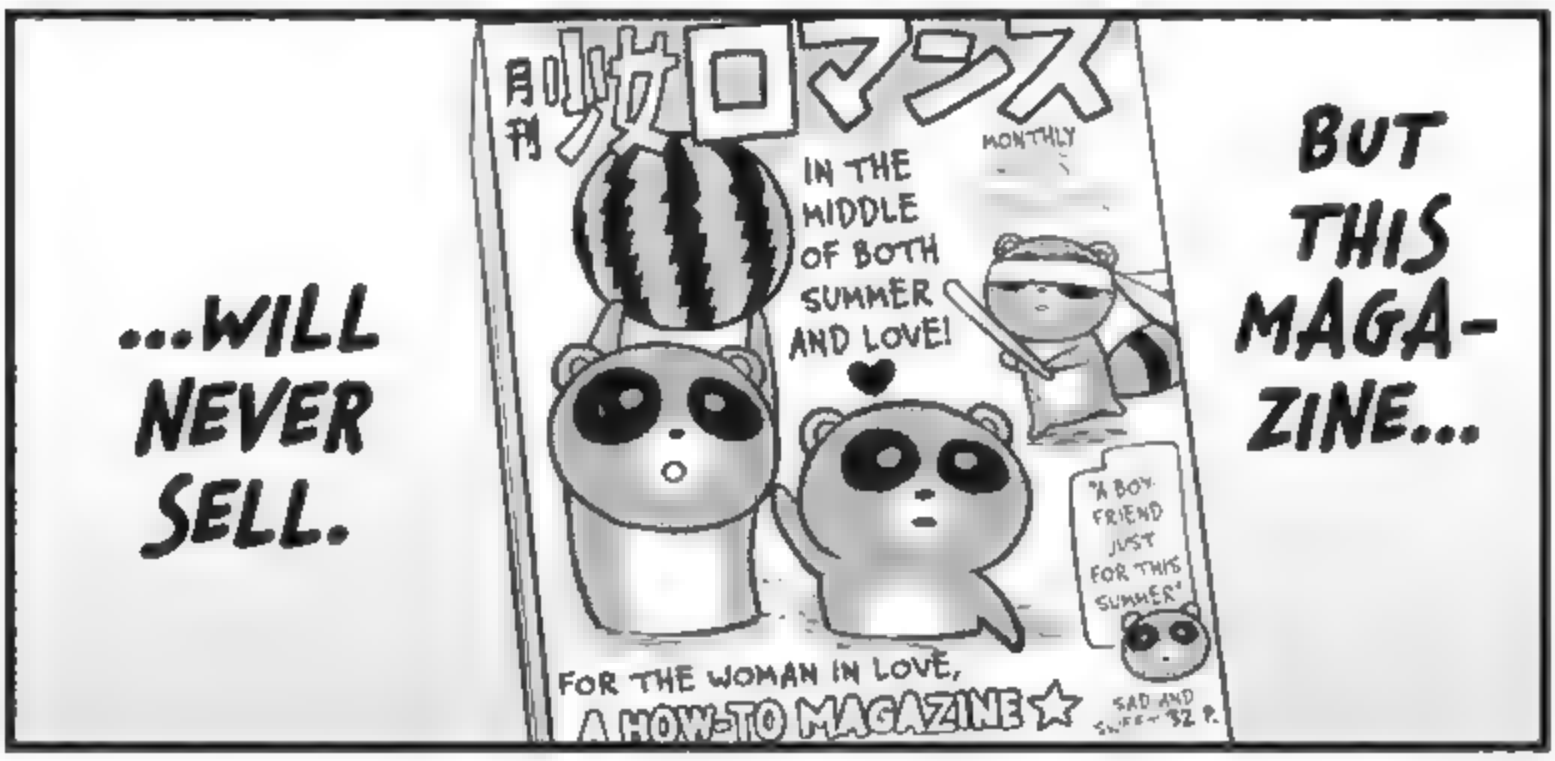
IT'S EVEN WORSE !!!

Watermelon breaking ver 2

HMM?
YOU WANT PEACE-FUL?
THAT'S SIMPLE.
...CAN'T I GET IT TO BE MORE PEACE-FUL...?
... WHY ...
WHOA!
THAT'S A PRETTY TENSE COVER ILLUSTRA-TION, ISN'T IT?

...MAKE THEM ALL TANUKI.
JUST...

...IT'LL JUST LOOK LIKE A LIGHT-HEARTED PICTURE...
HE'S RIGHT... IF WE CHANGE THEM ALL TO TANUKI...
!!!
AGH!


...WILL NEVER SELL.
月刊少女ロマンス
MONTHLY
IN THE MIDDLE OF BOTH SUMMER AND LOVE!
"A BOY-FRIEND JUST FOR THIS SUMMER"
FOR THE WOMAN IN LOVE, A HOW-TO MAGAZINE ☆
BUT THIS MAGA-ZINE...

WAIT, BUT HE IS TECHNICALLY MY SENPAI HERE AT WORK. I GUESS I CAN SHOW HIM THIS ONCE...

SO...

...GIVE ME A LOOK AT THE PICTURE YOU DREW.

THIS IS IT...

...WHAT'S THIS?

HE'S BEING REALLY NICE TODAY...

BUHA (SPLUTTER)

PAH!!

HERE.

OKAY, THANKS.

AHH!

THAT WAS A GOOD LAUGH!

WAH HA HA HA HA!

AGEEEE!

THAT'S JUST TOO BAD!!!

YOU REALLY DO SUCK !!!

WHAT THE HELL !!?

BWA HA HA HA HA HA!

GON

GON (THUMP)

OKAY! LUNCH TIME!

WHAA—?

I'M BETTER THAN YOU, MIYAMAE-KUN.

LET'S SEE YOU DRAW SOME-THING!!!

AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR ART SKILLS?

GAKU (SHAKE)

GAKU

GAKU

AT LEAST GIVE ME SOME ADVICE!!!

YOU SAID, "SHOW ME"! YOU'RE JUST GONNA LOOK!?

HE SEEMS REALLY CONFI-DENT...

MAYBE HE'S REALLY GOOD ...?

.....

OKAY THEN, THE THEME ... ...IS "DANCE."

HE SUCKS!

GIMME A BREAK!!!

THEME: DANCE

ALL DONE!

TA-DAA!

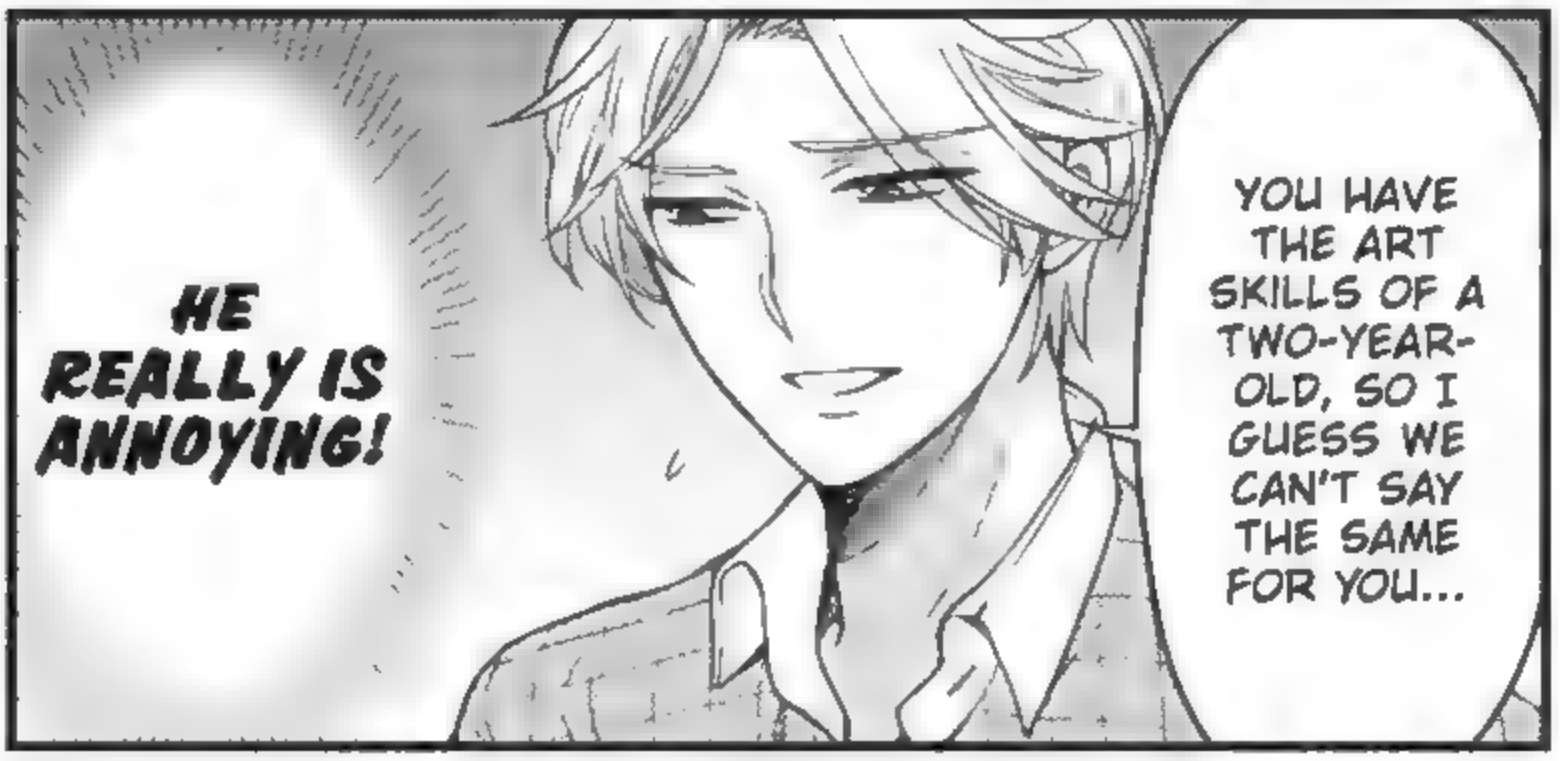
BUT HE'S STILL BETTER THAN ME!!!

THEME: DANCE

I'LL TREAT YOU!
MIYAMAE-KUN, LET'S GO DRINKING TONIGHT!!
HUH?
WHY?
AWW!
WELL...

!!?
MAENO IS BEING CONSIDER-ATE...!!?
BIKU (SHUDDER)
...YOU'VE BEEN DOWN, SO I THOUGHT I'D CHEER YOU UP!

SO YOU'VE GROWN UP A LITTLE...?
WHEN WE WERE IN SCHOOL, HE WAS A SELFISH AND REALLY ANNOYING GUY...
IRA (IRK)
ME.
ME.
ME.


HE REALLY IS ANNOYING!
YOU HAVE THE ART SKILLS OF A TWO-YEAR-OLD, SO I GUESS WE CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR YOU...

!!!

BUT YOU KNOW ...

...IF YOUR DRAWING SUCKS THAT BAD, WHY DON'T YOU JUST PUT SOME WRITING IN THERE?

YOU'RE GOOD AT WRITING, AREN'T YOU?

I'VE BEEN GETTING BY WITH HARD WORK AND GUTS ALL THIS TIME.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS GUY IS THE ONE WHO REMINDED ME OF THAT...

OH... I CAN COVER FOR WHAT I'M BAD AT WITH WHAT I'M GOOD AT...

I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE IT WORK THIS TIME!

I'LL EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

ABOUT THE COVER IMAGE

BEACH BALL

RIGHT ARM (PROTAGONIST)

SWIMSUIT
CAN BE A BIKINI OR A ONE PIECE

BEACH BALL

LEFT ARM

RIGHT ARM

HERO

PROTAGONIST

PLAYFULLY OUT STRETCHED

TORSO

←LEFT ARM

ABOUT THE WATER

IN THE WATER UP TO THEIR WAISTS

SURFACE OF THE WATER

ABOUT THE MOVEMENT

GAGAGAGAGA (WHIRRRR)

It was really messy, and I didn't really get it, so I just drew something else!

The beach is the best!

!!?

BOSO (MUMBLE) ぼそ

...YOUR DRAWINGS ARE SO NICE. YOU'RE LUCKY.

...YU-MENO-SAN...

I SHOULD PROBABLY BE HUMBLE.

N—

SOWA そわ

SOWA (NERVOUS) そわ

H—

Ken-san compli-mented me!!?

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND ...!?

IT'S REALLY NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL!!!

ANYONE IN JUNIOR HIGH OR OLDER CAN DRAW THIS KINDA STUFF!!!

I'M NOT ANY GOOD AT ALL !!!

NO, THEY AREN'T !!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD DID YOU SAY?

KEN-SAN...

...LOOKED REALLY SAD...

[How to make a magazine cover]

Making a cover is... **Request from an editor** → **Draw** → **Design**

The designer is in charge

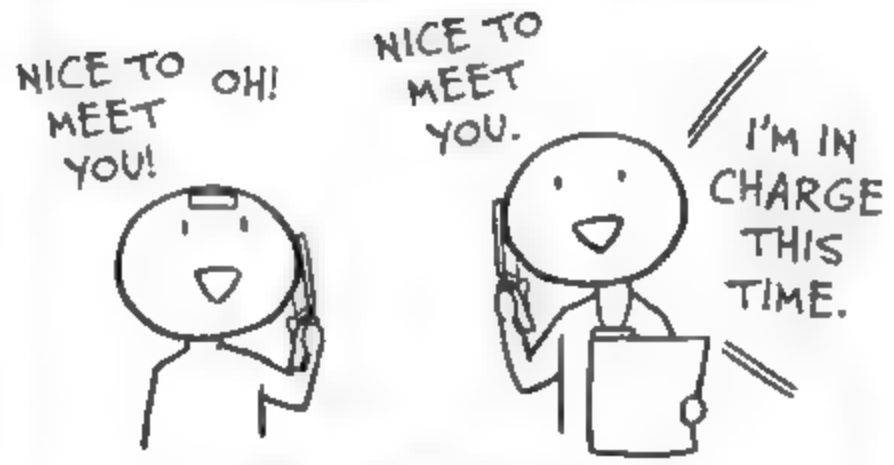
This is the general flow of things, but there are various ways to do it depending on the magazine! This time we'll show you a few of those!

Fixed cover editor

Sometimes a high-ranking person like the editor in chief or the deputy editor might be in charge of this.

But sometimes it can be biased to their tastes...

The cover editor changes every time.



Sometimes it's an editor you've never talked to before.

And then your image of that person becomes "the person who draws those insane pictures"

Super-freeform

Here, a cover is put together around whatever the creator decides to draw.

That said,

Independent designer

The designer decides on the concept.

DETAILED UP TO THE ROUGH DRAFT

It sounds really fun if your tastes match theirs.

Some people might even get as detailed as to specify colors.

THIS IS HOW WE EDITORS WORK REALLY HARD TO MAKE COVERS!
HUH? THE COVER FROM LAST MONTH'S ISSUE WAS LAME?
THAT'S PROBABLY 'COS OF THE ILLUSTRATION!

[ISSUE 50]

LET'S TALK ABOUT HIM

THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE CHAPTER ONE.

GUESS WHAT!?

NOZAKI-KUN JUST...

WHAAA—!!?

YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SAY THE NAME NOZAKI AGAIN TODAY!!!

WHAA—!!?

ARRRGH!!!

EVERY SINGLE DAY...

...YOU'RE ALL NOZAKI, NOZAKI! SHUT UP!!!

YOU KNOW, THE GUY WHO BOUGHT A CHOCOLATE DANISH AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE AFTER EATING A B MEAL AT THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA TODAY...

YOU KNOW, THE GUY WHO USED TO BE ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM AND IS NOW IN THE GOING HOME CLUB...

YOU KNOW, THE GUY WHO'S NUMBER FOURTEEN IN CLASS A...

THE EXTRA INFORMATION'S JUST GETTING IN THE WAY!!!

WAAAH!

OKAY, FINE, I GET IT! JUST SAY NOZAKI !!!

WITH THE POWER OF MY LOVE!!!
...DEFI-NITELY WIN!!!
I'D...
YEAH!
WE MIGHT EVEN WIN IF WE GOT QUIZZED.
BUT YOU KNOW, CHIYO, YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HIM, SO EVEN WE KNOW THAT STUFF NOW.

UMM... WHAT WAS IT...?
WHAT'S HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT?
RICE !!!
HIS FAVORITE FOOD.
SIX FOOT THREE !!!
THEN, NOZAKI'S HEIGHT...

HASEGAWA-KUN FROM THE SEAT NEXT TO ME!!!
I BELIEVE ...
...I HEARD IT WAS MODERN JAPANESE.
FROM SAKURA-SAN.
SU (FWISH)

THEN DON'T GET INVOLVED ...!!
I HAVE NO CLUE.
SU

BUT STILL, EVEN I THINK I CAN'T KEEP ON GOING LIKE THIS.

YEAH!! YOU HAVE TO MAKE PROG-RESS!! GO FOR IT!!!

I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO MOVE FORWARD ...

GOSO

GOSO (RUMMAGE)

WHAT'S ALL THAT?

FROM RIGHT TO LEFT—

IN THE BIOLOGY LAB

THE ERASER HE LEFT BEHIND.

A PAPER FLOWER HE MADE.

AFTER THE FIELD DAY

SOME CHALK HE USED.

IN THE CLASS A CLASSROOM

PLEASE LEAVE IT AT THAT!

AND HERE WE HAVE THE STRAW THAT HE USED TODAY.

A VIEW YOU CAN'T LOOK AWAY FROM

YOU FIRST MET HIM AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY, RIGHT?

HURRY UP AND THROW THAT OUT!

I'VE HAD THIS CRUSH ON HIM FOR SO LONG THAT I'M STARTING TO FORGET MY ORIGINAL INTEN-TIONS...

WHAT SHOULD I DO ...?

I REALLY SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH MOM!!!

...I MISSED MY TRAIN ON THE VERY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

WAAAAH!

I WAS REALLY LATE...

THAT DAY...

YEAH ...

IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR...

IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THE FALLING, FLUTTERING CHERRY BLOSSOMS, NOZAKI-KUN...

—IT WAS A HUGE SHOCK.

...AND THEN HE APPEARED.

ZAA (WHOOSH)

MY FIELD OF VISION WAS TINTED PINK, MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS.

THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS !!!

ZZZ...

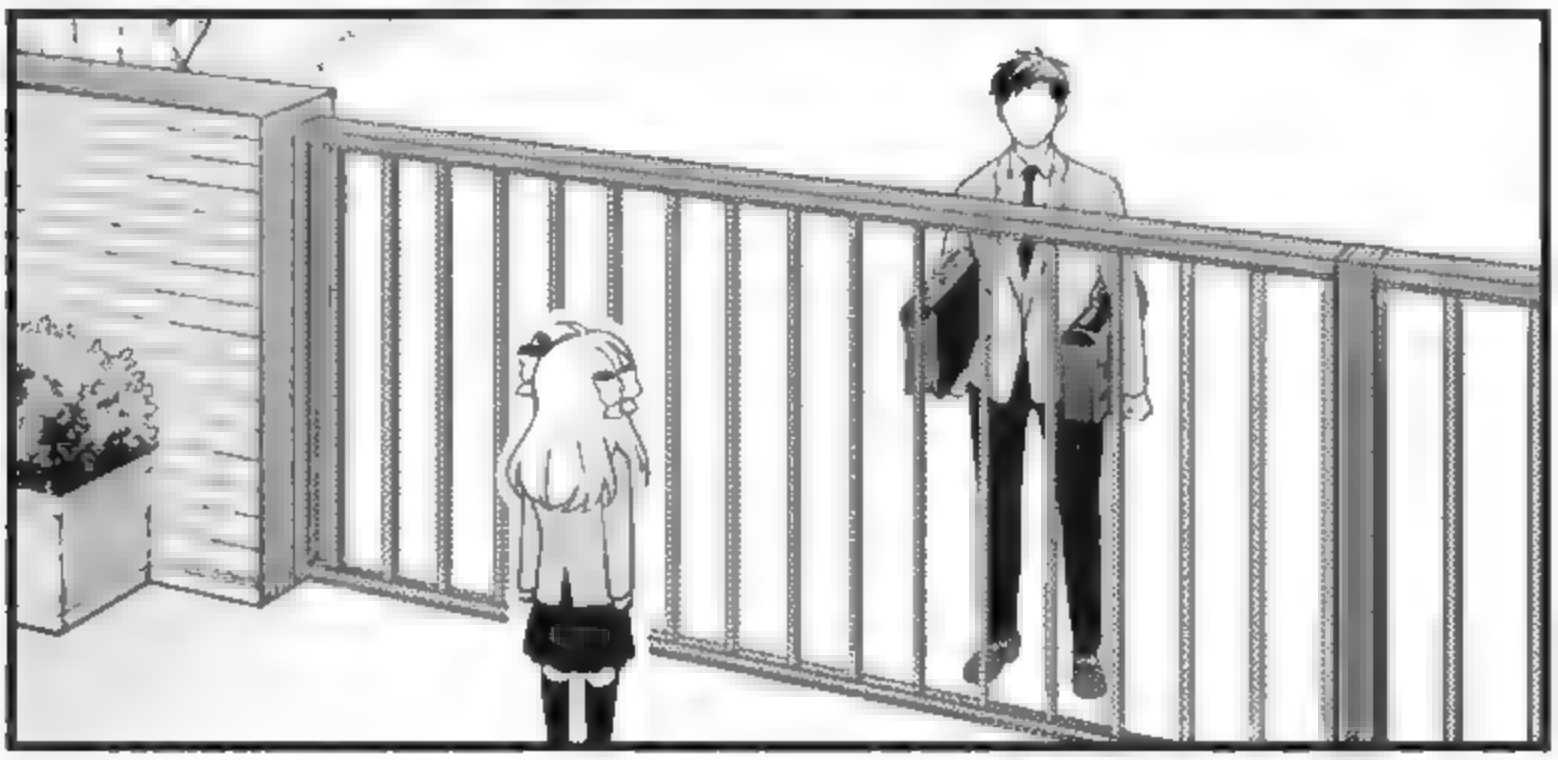
...HAD FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF CLIMBING THE GATE!

YEAH !!!
OH!
HUH !?
BIKU (FLINCH)
I'M LATE!!!
HUH !?
ARE YOU LATE TOO?
HM?
GAKU (SHAKE)
ACK!

HUH ...?
DOKI (BADUM)
I'LL PULL YOU UP.
THEN, HERE...
...HOLD OUT YOUR HAND.

OH.
MY BAG'S IN THE WAY.

YEAH ...
...WE DO.
WE NEED OUR BAGS.
WAIT A MINUTE.
LET'S CALM DOWN.



THIS IS BAD... I WAS BUSY WORRYING ABOUT THE CHARACTER DESIGN FOR MY NEW SERIES AND DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP...

...SO MY BRAIN'S NOT WORKING !!!

ERR... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

I JUST HAVE TO GO OVER THERE, AND WE'RE ALL DONE!!!

THAT'S IT!!!

I KNOW !!!

I GOT IT!!!

PULL ME UP!!!

GASHAN (CLANG)

.....

...I THINK I'LL GO BACK TO THE START AND RETHINK THIS...

...O— OH...

スト

SUTO (PLOP)

I WONDER IF I...

...CAN MAKE THE NEXT TRAIN.

YOU'RE GOING BACK HOME !!?

IT'S OKAY! YOU CAN START FROM HERE!!!

SURE !!!
NOW WHAT ...?
OH!
CAN YOU HOLD MY BAG FOR ME?

FUWA (FWOOSH)

He's like a prince ...!!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE JUST DID THAT!
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI (BADUM)
WAH!
HUH ...!?
WHAT'S WITH THIS POSITION ...!!?

WH—
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
ANY-ONE —!!!
SOME-ONE HELP!
SO TIRED ...
IT'S KINDA WARM.
HEY! UM ...
ZUN
ZUN
ZUN (THUD)
HMMM.
SO, THE HAIR FOR THE HEROINE...
SHORT... BOBBED...

SEE YOU.
NAH. NO PROB-LEM.
TH—
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
HE LET HER DOWN.

I FEEL BAD FOR BEING WORRIED ABOUT WHAT TO DO IF HE GOT ALL UP IN MY FACE...
HE LOOKS SCARY, BUT HE'S A NICE GUY...

IT'S ALMOST LIKE A SHOUJO MANGA...
AND THIS SITUA-TION...
I WAS LATE, AND HE PICKED ME UP ...

HE GOT ALL UP IN HER FACE.
EEEK!
READERS THESE DAYS ARE LOOKING FOR A SUPER-PRINCE IN A SCENE LIKE THAT. WE HAVE TO BE LOOKING AT VARIATIONS FROM EVERY ANGLE EVERY SINGLE DAY...
JUST BEING CARRIED DOESN'T MAKE IT A SHOUJO MANGA. DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

BIKU (JOLT)

THE DEADLINE FOR MY SHORT STORY IS COMING UP SOON...

!!

TO BE HONEST, I CONSIDERED NOT COMING TO SCHOOL TODAY...

DOKI (BADUM)

TH-THEN WHY DID YOU COME?

DOKI

SCHOOL? I'M CUTTING.

H-HE REALLY IS KIND OF SCARY ...!!!

I... WANTED TO GO TO THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY.

AS A REFER-ENCE FOR MY MANGA.

I WANTED THE FLOWER THAT THEY PIN TO YOUR CHEST.

FOR REFER-ENCE.

HMPH!

I WANTED THE FLOWER ...!!!

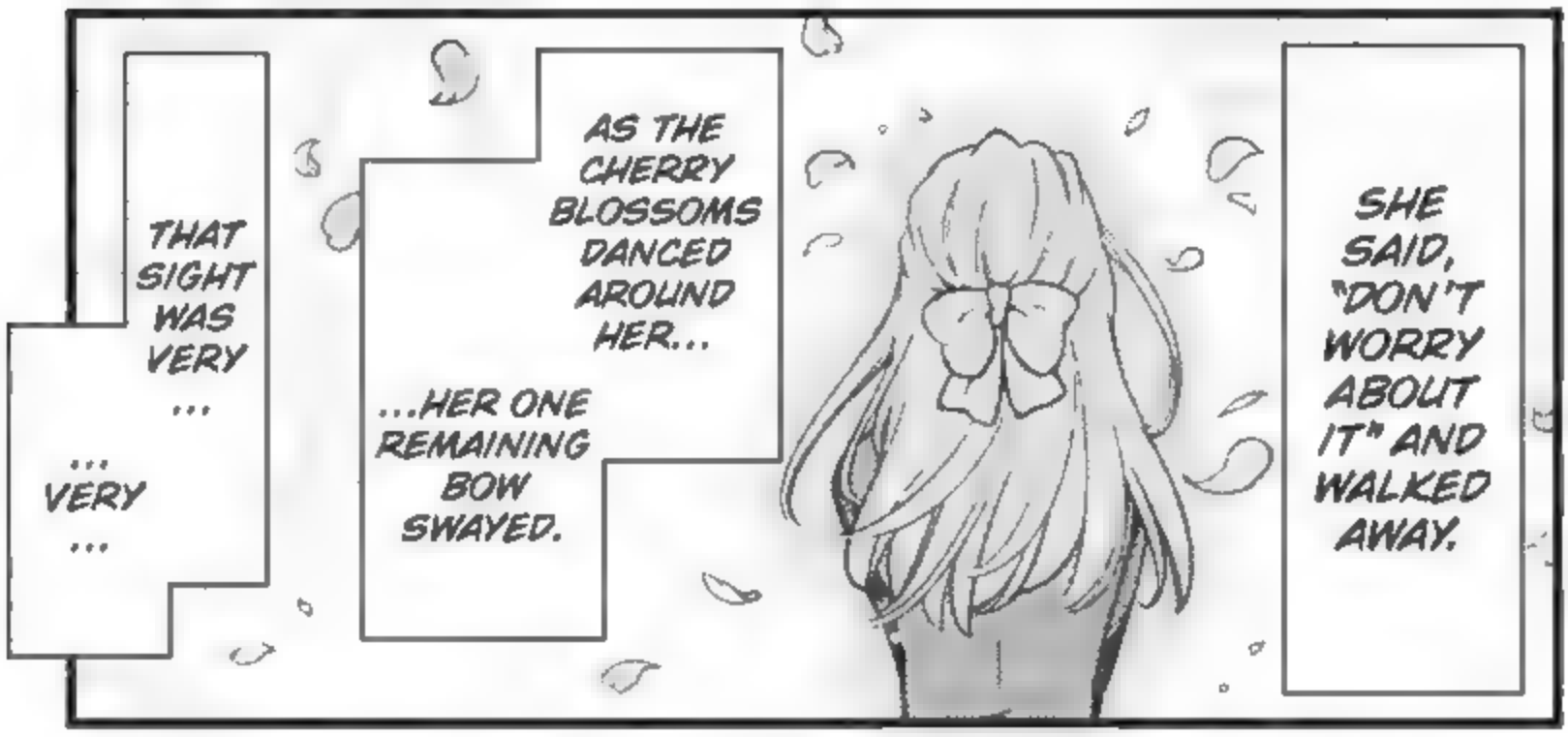
OH NO ...!!! THAT GAP ...!!!

HE'S SOOO CUTE!!!

KYULLUN (SWOON)

STILL, THE FLOWER, HUH...? THEY'RE NOT HANDING THEM OUT ANYMORE ...
I KNOW.
SHURU (SLIDE)

HERE !!!
I SLAPPED IT TO-GETHER, BUT THIS IS FOR YOU!
IT'S JUST PAPER AND A RIBBON, SORRY.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENROLLMENT
HUH?
YOU SURE?
ABOUT THE RIBBON...


THAT SIGHT WAS VERY ... ... VERY ...
AS THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS DANCED AROUND HER...
...HER ONE REMAINING BOW SWAYED.
SHE SAID, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT" AND WALKED AWAY.

ONCE HE SLEPT AND WOKE UP AGAIN, HE'D FORGOT-TEN ALL ABOUT IT.
VERY TIRED !!!
YURA (SWAY)
ゆら
YURA
ゆら

CHIYO ...YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN THE GUY, AREN'T YOU?

Y— YEAH.

SOWA そわ

SOWA (NERVOUS) そわ

AFTER THAT

YOU REALLY NEED TO GO TO THE TEACHER ABOUT THAT!

IT JUST BUGS ME SO MUCH.

...OR PICKS HER UP AND CARRIES HER OFF...

I JUST KEEP WORRYING ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HE GETS ALL UP IN ANOTHER GIRL'S FACE...

I'M ACTING REALLY WEIRD ...

.....

OH WELL.

NEVER MIND THAT. I HAVE TO COME UP WITH MY HEROINE ...

SOME-HOW...

IT'S HAND-MADE?

HUH?

WHAT'S THIS?

KYU (SKRITCH) キュッ

GO TELL HIM HOW YOU FEEL!!!

NOW !!!

GO!!!

OH!

I THINK NOW THAT I REMEMBER HOW WE MET, IT JUST MIGHT WORK...

NOW CHIYO SHOULD FINALLY REALIZE THAT HE'S JUST A NORMAL GUY, NOT SOME SORT OF CELEBRITY ...

I'LL GO CALL HIM OUT!!!

GOOD ...

G—

GOT IT!

I'M GOING FOR IT!!!

THE NEXT DAY

M—

MORN-ING.

MORN-ING!!!

HOW DID IT GO YESTER-DAY!?

DID YOU GET YOUR REPLY!?

IT GOT EVEN WORSE !!!

I GOT HIS SIGNA-TURE.

SUBSEQUENT PROGRESS

MONTHLY GIRLS' NOZAKI-KUN 5

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A PROPER MORNING BATH ①

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7:15 A.M.

HUH? YOU'RE TAKING A MORNING BATH TOO, SENPAI?

YEAH. YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME IN THE MORNING. IT'S NICE.

YOU'LL BOIL IF YOU STAY IN TOO LONG, YOU KNOW.

COME TO THINK OF IT...

...BOILED OCTOPUS OR RAW?

...WHICH DO YOU THINK IS TOUGHER ...

THE RAW ONE, NO?

SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T EVEN BITE THROUGH IT. AND EVEN IF YOU SWALLOW IT WHOLE, YOU CAN'T REALLY DIGEST IT, RIGHT?

BUT IT CAN GET REALLY TOUGH WHEN YOU FRY IT TOO.

ISN'T THAT...

...JUST 'COS IT WAS COOKED TOO HOT?

OR SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE WAY IT WAS PREPPED...

HAVE THEY BEEN TALKING OCTOPUS THE WHOLE TIME!?

THOSE TWO ARE REALLY CLOSE !!!

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WHAT THE HECK ...?

IT'S NOT SEXY AT ALL...

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SO IS RAW OCTOPUS WITH WASABI ANY GOOD?

IT'S REALLY GOOD ON RICE.

*THE JAPANESE WORD KASHIMA USES IN PANEL 2 IS YUDEDAKO. THIS MEANS BOTH "BOILED OCTOPUS" AND "SOMEONE WHO HAS TURNED AS RED AS A LOBSTER," THE RESULT OF SOAKING IN A BATH FOR TOO LONG.